

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1820

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Colonel William R. Seck upon his departure from dedicated service to the State of Kansas as Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

WHEREAS, On February 8, 2008, after serving five years as Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, Colonel William R. Seck concluded his service to the State of Kansas so he could focus his attention on providing care to aging family members; and

WHEREAS, Seck grew up in Independence, Missouri, and graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He began his career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1972 as a support employee in the Kansas City office. In 1976, he was accepted into the FBI New Agents Class at Quantico, Virginia. Upon completion of his training, Seck transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he worked on general criminal matters. In 1979, he transferred to the New York City Division and focused on foreign counterintelligence investigations. In 1986, Seck was promoted to Resident Agency in Garden City, Kansas, where he began to form close working relationships with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas. He was reassigned to the Wichita Resident Agency in 1991; and

WHEREAS, From May 1996 until his retirement in June 2003, Seck was the Supervisory Senior Resident Agent (SSRA) for the State of Kansas. As SSRA, he was responsible for FBI operations throughout the state, and he supervised resident agencies in Garden City, Salina, Topeka and Wichita. He also supervised three Joint Terrorism Task Force operations initiated in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. From May 1996 through September 2001, he supervised two Violent Crime Task Forces in Wichita and Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed Seck as the 19th Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol on July 8, 2003. As the agency's Colonel, he was chair of the Governor's Council on Homeland Security and co-chair of the Kansas Task Force on Methamphetamine and Illegal Drugs and the Kansas Safe Driving Campaign. Seck also was active in the Commission on Healthy and Prepared Schools, FBI Counter Terrorism Executive Board, Kansas Commission on Emergency Response and the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, Seck remained actively involved in his profession as a member of the Kansas Peace Officers' Association, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and Safe Kids Kansas. He has been active in the FBI National Academy throughout his 21 years in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Seck was known for his enthusiastic dedication to cultivating and maintaining positive working relationships with other local, state and federal agencies. His leadership in the law enforcement community enhanced officer safety, improved public service and advanced public safety for all who live and travel in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Seck is highly respected by his friends and co-workers at the Highway Patrol and throughout the law enforcement community, and he will be greatly missed by all those who worked with him: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Colonel William R. Seck for his long and distinguished career in law enforcement and honorable leadership of the Kansas Highway Patrol and wish him luck in all his future endeavors; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Vicki Schmidt for presentation to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Senate Resolution No. 1820 was sponsored by Senators V. Schmidt, Allen, Apple, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Donovan, Emler, Francisco, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Kelly, Lee, Lynn, McGinn, Morris, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Petersen, Pine, Pyle, Reitz, D. Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle, Wilson and Wysong.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*