

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1863

A RESOLUTION commending Brigadier General Jonathan P. Small for his tireless service to Kansas soldiers.

WHEREAS, In 1999, Jonathan P. Small was appointed to the position of Brigadier General. He also assumed the position of Assistant Adjutant General for the Kansas Army National Guard, and served as the Commander of the Land Component for the Joint Forces Headquarters in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, While serving in these capacities, Brigadier General Small was instrumental in transforming the State Area Command into a Joint Forces Headquarters, and was the driving force behind the successful ratification of the Kansas Soldiers and Airmen Bill of Rights. In addition to these accomplishments for the benefit of Kansas soldiers, Brigadier General Small's coordination between multiple levels of military and state agencies lead to Kansas receiving millions of dollars from the federal and state government for facility renovations; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Small has dedicated most of his life to military service. In addition to degrees from Kansas State University and Washburn University School of Law, he was educated at the Field Artillery School Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, the Judge Advocate General School and the U.S. Army War College; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Small's military service is not limited to his education. He has also served as a soldier in the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group and an officer in the Kansas Army National Guard. Brigadier General Small was the staff judge advocate for the State Area Command (STARC) Headquarters for the Kansas Army National Guard until he became the deputy commander of STARC in 1998. He was appointed by the governor to be the Kansas Judge Advocate General from 1984 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, A much decorated soldier, Brigadier General Small's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Small has owned a private law practice in Topeka for over 25 years. He was Assistant Kansas Attorney General from 1973 to 1978 and Deputy Kansas Attorney General from 1978 to 1979. Brigadier General Small is a member of the American Legion, National Guard Association of Kansas and the United States and the Association of the United States Army. He and his wife Georgia Ann reside in Topeka. Their son Aaron and his wife Cathy reside in Kansas City, and their daughter Jennifer, her husband Seth and granddaughter Maia live in Columbia, Missouri: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we do heartily commend Brigadier General Small for his dedicated and tireless service to improve the quality of life for Kansas soldiers; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Morris.

Senate Resolution No. 1863 was sponsored by Senators Morris, Donovan, Allen, Apple, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Emler, Francisco, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Kelly, Lee, Lynn, McGinn, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Petersen, Pine, Pyle, Reitz, D. Schmidt, V. 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.*