

SPECIAL SESSION

Journal of the Senate

SEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, June 29, 2005—10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-five senators present.
Senator Allen, Barnett, Betts, Haley and Taddiken were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
We are Senators.
We were elected by the people.
Some call us honorable.
Others call us politicians.
But we represent them all.
Some say we are worthy.
Others call us crooks.
But we speak for them all.
Some pray for us.
Others complain about us.
But we care for them all.
Keep us honorable, O God,
By making us worthy
Of their prayers.
I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ,
AMEN

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was referred to Committee as indicated:
Ways and Means: **SB 11.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Steineger, Gilstrap and Haley introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1807—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Raymond L. Daniels.

WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond L. Daniels, Superintendent of Schools for the Kansas City School District, is retiring after spending his entire teaching career of 40 years in the Kansas City district. He has been honored by being named the 2005 Kansas Superintendent of the Year and is a candidate for the National Superintendent of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels started his teaching career as an English teacher at Northwest Junior High School where he also served as the head boys basketball coach. He then joined the faculty at Wyandotte High School where he was the head track coach and later the Assistant Principal. He was named Director of Personnel Services for the district in 1976 and Assistant Superintendent in 1980. He became the District Superintendent in 1998; and

WHEREAS, As superintendent he implemented a landmark initiative, First Things First, with meaningful workshops for classroom teachers. This program strengthens the relationship between teacher and students by allowing teachers to move with students from grade to grade plus a two-hour period each week for professional learning. With a \$15 million grant from the Kauffman Foundation to implement this program, the district has achieved higher graduation rates at each of the district's five high schools and improved achievement test scores in mathematics and reading; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels' community service includes memberships on the board of directors for the KCK Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Wyandotte County, Heart of America Family Services, Cancer Action, the Wyandotte Health Foundation, Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries and the Downtown KCK Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels and his wife, Joan, a retired foreign language teacher, have two children and two grandchildren. He plans to spend more time with his family, do some fly fishing and volunteering; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate congratulates and commends Dr. Raymond L. Daniels for giving 40 years of devoted service to the Kansas City School District and the improvement he has made in the lives of many young students of the district; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Raymond L. Daniels, Superintendent of Schools, Kansas City USD 500, 625 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101-2805.

On emergency motion of Senator Steineger **SR 1807** was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 30, 2005.

HELEN MORELAND, CAROL PARRETT, BRENDA KLING, *Journal Clerks.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

