

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1760

**A RESOLUTION congratulating Ted Ensley on his retirement
from the Shawnee County Commission.**

WHEREAS, Ted Ensley is retiring from the Shawnee County Commission after 16 years of dedicated public service. He was first elected in 1996 and re-elected in 2000, 2004 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ted Ensley graduated from Kansas State University in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Biology. He was then hired by Shawnee County Commissioner, Dick Hanger, as the new Parks and Recreation Director. He served in this position for 31 years with the primary objective of beautifying Lake Shawnee; and

WHEREAS, Under Ted Ensley's leadership, the lake was transformed from a county fishing hole to the community centerpiece it is now; and

WHEREAS, Before his service on the Shawnee County Commission, Ted Ensley also served as President of the Kansas Association of Counties, Secretary of Kansas Wildlife and Parks, General Manager of the Kansas Expo Centre and Vice Chairman for the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ted Ensley was awarded the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association Distinguished Fellow Award in 1985. In 2004, he was inducted into the Kansas Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame by the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association; and

WHEREAS, The world class gardens at Lake Shawnee were named the "Ted Ensley Gardens" because of his long association with Lake Shawnee. He says the most personally rewarding part of his years in public service is seeing the great numbers of people enjoying themselves at Lake Shawnee; and

WHEREAS, Ted Ensley is married to his lovely wife, Elna, and they have three children and six grandchildren together: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate Ted Ensley on his retirement and thank him for his years of dedication to Shawnee County and the State of Kansas. Public servants like Ted Ensley help make Kansas a great state for all its citizens, and we wish him well in his retirement; and**

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

Senate Resolution No. 1760 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Kelly and V. Schmidt.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.