

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1840

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Senior Assistant Revisor Kenneth Wilke on his retirement.

WHEREAS, Ken Wilke will retire from the Office of Revisor of Statutes next week after 16 years of service with the Legislature, and over 40 years with the state; and

WHEREAS, Ken was born on November 17, 1943, in Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Ken is married to Janet Wilke and has six children: Heather, Lance, Susan, Matt, Andy and Fred; and

WHEREAS, Ken attended the University of Kansas and majored in mathematics and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Ken earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Washburn University School of Law in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Ken began his legal career in a family private practice for five years; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Ken began his career in public service working for the Kansas Department of Agriculture as a staff attorney; and

WHEREAS, Ken worked for the Department of Agriculture until 1998, including 20 years serving as the agency's chief counsel; and

WHEREAS, Ken started working for the Office of Revisor of Statutes in 1998; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the office, his legal expertise has been put to use in a number of committees and subject areas, but most notably for the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations, the review of numerous contractual issues for the Office of Revisor of Statutes and in his work for the Senate and the House of Representatives on issues related to insurance and financial institutions. For all of the groups Ken has done work for, his rigorous preparation and wealth of knowledge has been invaluable; and

WHEREAS, Ken also excels at recreational mathematics and chess, having served since 1973 as the Problem Editor for the Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society Journal, *The Pentagon*; and

WHEREAS, Ken is known for his good-natured humor, quick puns, hearty laugh and distinctive whistle, all of which have left a lasting mark on his friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ken's unique combination of thoughtfulness and quick wit has made him an irreplaceable asset to the Legislature and all his coworkers: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commend, congratulate and thank Kenneth Wilke for his long and successful career serving the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Legislature and the State of Kansas and that we wish him success and happiness in his retirement; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Ken Wilke and to the Office of Revisor of Statutes.

Senate Resolution No. 1840 was sponsored by Senator Susan Wagle and Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*