

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1784

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Carol Williams for her career with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission was established by the Kansas Legislature in 1974 to administer, interpret and enforce the Campaign Finance Act and laws relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure and the regulation of lobbying; and

WHEREAS, Carol Williams was hired in 1977 as a report examiner. Promoted to Auditor in 1978, she became the Executive Director of the agency in 1981 and retired from that position on September 11, 2017, with 40 years of state service; and

WHEREAS, Carol was an inspirational leader with her knowledge and skills. She was described as very humble, but she did not know what the word "no" meant; and

WHEREAS, She obtained unrestricted, full subpoena power for the agency in 1998. In 2000, lobbyists were required to provide more detailed itemization of lobbying reports, which most were not happy about, but she was able to calm a majority of their fears. Carol was very ethical and wonderful with the press, but she was always very careful about what she said to them; and

WHEREAS, Carol was nonpartisan, and legislators and revisors relied on Carol's advice when drafting laws and providing knowledgeable testimony. She oversaw required reporting forms for campaign finance, lobbying and ethics laws too numerous to count; and

WHEREAS, Carol served as an officer for the national organization of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws for many years; and

WHEREAS, Carol was a great role model who made lifelong friendships and countless memories with colleagues, staff, reporters, legislators, lobbyists and statewide officeholders: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Carol Williams for her successful career with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission and the work she performed for the citizens of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1784 was sponsored by Senators V. Schmidt, Hensley, Alley, Berger, Billinger, Bollier, Bowers, Denning, Doll, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Givens, Goddard, Haley, Hardy, Hawk, Hilderbrand, Holland, Kelly, Kerschen, Longbine, Lynn, Masterson, McGinn, Petersen, Pettey, Rogers, Skubal, Sykes, Taylor, Tyson, Wagle and Wilborn.

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.