

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1782

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Officer Larry Hampton for his bravery in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, Officer Larry Hampton was recently awarded the Derby Police Department's Medal of Valor for his effort during the pursuit of a violent felon who was fleeing from an armed robbery and shooting on August 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Julie Dombo, a retired middle school counselor in the Haysville School District, was shot multiple times during the robbery and suffered devastating injuries that resulted in the amputation of all four of her limbs. During the subsequent pursuit, the suspect fired upon Officer Hampton three times. Officer Hampton continued to pursue the suspect, without concern for his own safety, in an effort to apprehend the suspect and prevent additional harm to civilians. Due in large part to Officer Hampton's level-headed and relentless pursuit, the suspect was soon captured, and no additional civilians were harmed; and

WHEREAS, Commenting recently about his award, Officer Hampton said, "It is an honor to be recognized by my peers for this award. My colleagues and I are ready each and every day to serve the citizens of Derby."; and

WHEREAS, Regarding the victim of the shooting, Officer Hampton said, "Julie Dombo is an extraordinary person, and we should recognize her for her courage. She truly is an inspiration for all of us." Julie has been positive and upbeat during her recovery process, and her family has created a GoFundMe page to help cover her increased expenses; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hampton has been a member of the Derby Police Department since May 14, 1998. During his 17 years at Derby PD, Officer Hampton has been assigned to the Patrol Division. In addition to regular patrol duties, Officer Hampton has worked as a Field Training Officer, training new police officers to perform and understand the important tasks and concepts of the job; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hampton was born and raised in Kansas. In 1974, he joined the United States Army. He has served in three different deployments to Germany. In 1994, Officer Hampton retired from the Army and took a job with Pinkerton Security, and, in 1995, he joined the Kansas Department of Corrections as a guard at the El Dorado Correctional Facility (ECF). While serving at ECF, Officer Hampton was a member of the Special Security Team, a tactical unit within the prison. Officer Hampton remained at ECF until joining Derby PD in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Police officers, like Officer Hampton, are an essential part of our nation's society. They risk their lives on a daily basis to keep citizens safe and out of harm's way: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor and commend Officer Larry Hampton for his exceptional bravery in the line of duty. The actions he took to protect the people of Derby are deeply appreciated by all Kansans; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Officer Larry Hampton.

Senate Resolution No. 1782 was sponsored by Senator Mike Petersen.

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.*