

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1856

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending James W. Woods
for his many years of service to the Kansas Senate.

WHEREAS, James W. Woods, the sergeant-at-arms for the Kansas Senate, is retiring at the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, James W. Woods has worked for the Kansas legislature since 1985 and has been the Senate sergeant-at-arms since 1990. Jim has served under four Senate Presidents, Senators Talkington, Burke, Bond and Kerr. He has been a member of the National Legislative Service and Security Association since 1990 and served as its treasurer from 1996 to 2000. This is an organization of sergeants-at-arms, security personnel, state police and support services staff of the nation's state legislatures. Last year Jim received their highest honor, the John Everhardt "Trooper" Award for his outstanding professionalism and integrity; and

WHEREAS, James W. Woods' many years of public service have earned him a place of honor and respect; and

WHEREAS, The sergeant-at-arms is responsible for preserving order within the chamber of the Senate and its lobby and gallery. Mr. Woods' efforts have enabled the Senate to function as a more efficient governing body and have earned him the respect and gratitude of the members of the Senate and the visiting citizens of Kansas, the United States and dignitaries from other countries; and

WHEREAS, James W. Woods retired from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad in 1983 after 45 years of service in which he participated in a number of industry committee activities and projects and was the state and national chairman for National Transportation Week; and

WHEREAS, James W. Woods spent four years in the Army during World War II being separated in 1946 as a Captain. He continued in the United States Army Reserve program and retired upon completion of 30 years service as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, James W. Woods and his wife, Margaret, have two children, James W. Woods, Jr., who is deceased, and Glenn Craig Woods of Stilwell. His family also includes his daughter-in-law, Linda, a granddaughter, Jenna, and a grandson, Steven: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend James W. Woods for his exemplary service to the Kansas Senate, recognize his many years of service to his country, his state and his community, congratulate him upon his retirement as sergeant-at-arms for the Senate, and wish him well in his postretirement activities; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. James W. Woods.

Senate Resolution No. 1856 was sponsored by Senators Kerr, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.