

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1851

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kansas Peace Officers.

WHEREAS, Kansans benefit each day from the service of Kansas Peace Officers, and Kansans rely on the members of the Kansas law enforcement community to provide protection and safety; and

WHEREAS, Kansas law enforcement officers stand committed each day to place themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our state and bring criminals to justice; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Kansas law enforcement community consistently demonstrate heroism above and beyond their normal law enforcement responsibilities and duties, take actions which significantly prolong or save lives and demonstrate uncommon valor in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately and tragically, too many Kansas law enforcement officers have made the supreme sacrifice by losing their lives in the line of duty as a direct result of adversarial action. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated professionals of Kansas' federal, state and local public safety agencies and their families have earned our gratitude and respect; and

WHEREAS, The 2002 Joint Kansas Law Enforcement Conference Banquet will be held May 17 at Wichita bringing together members of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and the Kansas Peace Officers' Association; and

WHEREAS, A total of 157 distinguished Kansas public safety officers, municipal, county, state and federal, were nominated for recognition based on exceptional law enforcement performance during calendar year 2001. Of this outstanding group, 44 officers have been selected for recognition at the conference, including the Chief's Award for Wilson Johnson, Jr. of the Junction City Police Department who was killed in the line of duty on December 3, 2001: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the peace officers of Kansas for their valiant efforts on our behalf and join with the sponsoring organizations in recognizing these officers and their exceptional actions which were beyond the normal call of duty; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we commend all Kansas law enforcement officers for their professionalism and for their heroic service to the citizens of our state, and we commend the families of these officers for their continued support of Kansas law enforcement; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Larry Welch, Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, 1620 Tyler, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1837; Col. Don Brownlee, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol, 122 SW 7th St., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3847; Chief John Douglass, President, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Overland Park Police Department, 12400 Foster, Overland Park, Kansas 66213; Sheriff Don Wilson, President, Kansas Sheriff's Association, Lane County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 478, Dighton, Kansas 67839; and to Chief Dave Burger, President, Kansas Peace Officer's Association, Lenexa Police Department, 12500 W. 87th St. Parkway, Lenexa, Kansas 66215 and Master Trooper Eric Haskin, President, Kansas State Trooper's Association, 200 E. Wisconsin, Greensburg, Kansas 67054.

Senate Resolution No. 1851 was sponsored by Senator David Adkins.

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.*