

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1852

A RESOLUTION in memory of Andrew O'Donovan.

WHEREAS, Andrew O'Donovan, 59, of Topeka died Friday, March 22, at a Topeka hospital; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death Andrew O'Donovan was the Director of the Office of Prevention for Connect Kansas. He developed the organization, Connect Kansas, implemented the risk and protective factor framework of community-based prevention known as Communities That Care, and because of Connect Kansas' leadership position in prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, caused Kansas to be one of five states to receive initial state incentive grants of over \$9 million over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, Andrew O'Donovan served as the Commissioner for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services in the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services from 1987 to 1999. While in this position, he served two years as the Prevention Chair for the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors and was a long time member of the Board of Directors of this organization. From 1979 to 1987 he served as the Director of the Northwest Kansas Council on Substance Abuse and the Thomas County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, Andrew O'Donovan was born in Ireland and was schooled to be a priest. He served as a Catholic priest in Nigeria where he was Director of the Leadership Program for the Catholic Diocese of Ilorin. While in Africa, he administered a parish for 50,000 people and developed the area's first clinic and health services for a population of 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his long years of work in the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, Andrew O'Donovan will be remembered for his interest in Hayden High School athletics, the Kansas University basketball and Kansas State University football teams and the Irish national soccer team; and

WHEREAS, Andrew O'Donovan became a United States citizen in 1987. He married Kathryn Pickett; she survives as well as two sons, Fergal O'Donovan and Rory O'Donovan, and a daughter, Maeve O'Donovan: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the memory of Andrew O'Donovan and his work in the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse for the citizens of Kansas, his commitment to improving the quality of life for all Kansans, especially children, and give our deepest sympathy to his surviving family members and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Andrew O'Donovan at 2024 Southwest Collins, Topeka, Kansas 66604.

Senate Resolution No. 1852 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.*