

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1862

A RESOLUTION in memory of Velda Duette.

WHEREAS, Velda Duette, 60, of Topeka died Saturday May 4 of an unknown cause; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duette was a long-time worker for the Democratic Party. She served as the vice-chairwoman of the Kansas Democratic Party from 1993 to 1999. She also was a member of the Democratic National Committee and a member of the Association of State Democratic Chairs for the same years. She was the recipient of the 1997 John D. Montgomery Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a nonpublicly elected Kansas Democrat by the Kansas Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duette worked for more than 15 years as a staff member for the Kansas Legislature. She began in 1985 working for Senator Anderson and later for Senator Ward, both of Wichita. Since 1993 she has worked as the secretary for Senator Gooch, also from Wichita. Her grace and contagious smile will be missed by all members of the senate and by all others involved in the legislative process in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duette was a member of the Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher and was a member of the deaconess board and headed the church building fund committee; and

WHEREAS, Velda Duette married Charles Duette on December 19, 1960. He survives; also surviving are four daughters, Velerie Duette, Lisa Duette-King, Jennifer Duette-Goode and Diana Wandix, and three grandchildren, Mariauna Lesette Hernandez, Jordan Alexander Wandix and Syndey Danielle Wandix; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate honors the memory of Velda Duette and the public service she gave to her community and the state of Kansas and extends our deepest sympathy to her family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Charles Duette, 1535 S.W. Cheyenne Hills Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604.

Senate Resolution No. 1862 was sponsored by Senators Gooch, Barone, Downey, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Lee and Steineger.

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.*