

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1824

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Senator Paul Feleciano, Jr.

WHEREAS, Senator Paul Feleciano has been selected to serve as President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators; such selection being made by the organization's executive committee to complete the remaining 1½ years of the term of John Martinez, who was killed in an automobile accident. Senator Feleciano was one of the founders of the organization and served as its first president. Senator Feleciano is a veteran Kansas legislator having served two terms in the House of Representatives, from 1973 to 1976, and having been a member of the Senate since 1977, and is the longest serving current member of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators was founded in 1989 to organize elected Hispanic state legislators who advocate on behalf of Hispanic communities throughout the United States. The organization is comprised of approximately 300 elected Hispanic legislators from all states, commonwealths and territories of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The organization serves as a catalyst for joint action on issues of common concern to all segments of the Hispanic community, a forum for information exchanged and member networking, an institute for leadership training, a liaison with sister United States Hispanic organizations, a promoter of public and private partnerships with business and labor and a partner with Hispanic state or provincial legislators and their associations representing Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, The organization also advocates for the appointment of Hispanics to positions of influence in all levels and branches of government and for the hiring and promotion of Hispanics to positions of influence in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, The second National Summit of Hispanic Legislators is planned during the spring of 2003 in Washington, D.C. It is anticipated that 75 state legislators will attend plus other participants: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Senator Feleciano upon his selection as President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators and wish him success in this position; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Haley and Senator Feleciano.

Senate Resolution No. 1824 was sponsored by Senators Hensley and Oleen, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Buhler, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, 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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*