

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1857

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending John L. "Jack" Hawn.

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn retired on October 1, 2003, after serving the State of Kansas for 38 years through his outstanding efforts in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn commenced working for the State of Kansas as a part-time employee of the State Printer in 1957 and 1958; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn was hired by the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System as a temporary Accountant I June 16, 1965. During his 38 year career with the retirement system he served in successively responsible positions as an Accountant I, Accountant II, Accountant III, Retirement System Manager, Deputy Executive Secretary, and in his final position as Deputy Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn became the main agency contact for the information system of the Department of Administration and was involved in system upgrades over the years. He was instrumental in the development of an Information Resource Department within the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System in the 1980's; worked with actuary and selected insurance companies to develop the death and disability programs for active employees that became effective on January 1, 1966; and organized and implemented the state employees optional group life insurance program in 1978, which was expanded to local units of government and schools in 1988; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn was instrumental in implementing the details of the creation of the Kansas Police and Fire Retirement System in 1967; led the merger of the Kansas School Retirement System into the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System in 1970, which doubled the size of the membership of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System; and was involved in the merger of the Retirement System for Judges into the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System in 1975; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn staffed the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Study Commission, which developed the 1993 retirement benefits enhancement package, and led the effort for the successful amendment to the Kansas Constitution in 2000 to lift the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System investment restrictions on banking stocks; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn provided outstanding staff assistance to the Kansas Legislature on retirement issues and legislation, in particular to the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the House Pensions, Investments and Benefits Committee and the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn was born and reared in Topeka. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1955 and completed his degree in accounting from Washburn University in 1965; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn was married to Valetta "Val" Davis on October 1, 1961. They have two daughters, Kathy Lynn Williams and Jonna Lynn Desch, and are proud grandparents of four grandchildren: Jaime Williams, Matthew Williams, Alexia Desch and Cody Desch; and

WHEREAS, John L. "Jack" Hawn is known for his love of sports trivia and for his "Tiger Woods" like golfing ability. He has been an avid supporter of the Washburn University and University of Kansas athletic programs and has had a special interest in the NCAA basketball tournament: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend John L. "Jack" Hawn for his long and distinguished career of public service to the State of Kansas and the legacy of professional excellence he leaves after his many years of service to the Kansas Legislature and to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to John L. "Jack" Hawn, 6751 Shawnee Lane, Meriden, Kansas 66512; Kathy Williams, 7016 SW Crestwood Drive, Topeka, Kansas 66619 and Jonna Desch, 4211 NW Dondee, Topeka, Kansas 66618.

Senate Resolution No. 1857 was sponsored by Senators Kerr, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Brungardt, Buhler, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Helgerson, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Journey, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, 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.*