

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6014

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Larry Welch upon his retirement from the position of Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2007, Larry Welch will retire after serving thirteen years as Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Director Welch, the KBI's tenth director, is the second-longest serving director of the KBI; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Kansas in 1958 and the University of Kansas Law School in 1961, Welch began a distinguished career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Welch retired from the FBI in 1986 to become the associate director of police training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, Kansas. In 1989, Welch was appointed Director of the KLETC and served in that capacity until 1994. Former Attorney General Robert Stephan asked Director Welch to serve as director of the KBI beginning in July 1994. Director Welch was asked to retain his position as director of the KBI by three subsequent attorneys general, including current Attorney General, Paul Morrison; and

WHEREAS, Director Welch has received statewide and national recognition and awards for his excellence and dedication to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Under Welch's direction, the KBI has focused exclusively on making Kansas safer for law-abiding citizens by capturing those who violate the law, rather than attempting to capture headlines and public attention. Director Welch, through his professionalism and personal integrity, has contributed greatly to the stature and respect of the KBI; and

WHEREAS, Director Welch, a native of St. John, Kansas, has maintained an appreciation for everyday life in Kansas. When asked for directions to any small town in Kansas, he can not only tell you how to get there, but he can also tell you the best place for chocolate pie and fried chicken.

WHEREAS, Director Welch will continue his long-time association with law enforcement through his various professional memberships, but "bottom line" Director Welch's leadership and humor will be greatly missed: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Director Larry Welch for his long and distinguished career in law enforcement, thank him for his efficient and effective operation of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and wish him luck and fulfillment in all his pursuits during a well-deserved retirement.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.