

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1819

A RESOLUTION honoring Fire Chief Lawrence F. Ruff, the National Firefighter of the year.

WHEREAS, Chief Lawrence F. “Sonny” Ruff, of the Logan, Kansas Fire Department, was honored as the 2006 National Firefighter of the Year by the National Volunteer Fire Council, a national organization committed to advocating on behalf of volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS personnel across the country. Nominated by his peers, Chief Ruff was presented with a commemorative pin and trophy, as well as a place in history with the NVFC; and

WHEREAS, The NVFC Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award is a lifetime achievement award that honors those individuals whose remarkable achievements in the fire service and community exemplify outstanding performance. This prestigious award is one of only two awards which the Council bestows; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ruff has been fire chief of the Logan, Kansas Fire Department for more than 45 years and has a long and distinguished history in the fire service. Four generations of the Ruff family have been firefighters, including his father, whom Chief Ruff succeeded as fire chief; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being fire chief, Chief Ruff has served for more than 38 years as an officer in the Kansas State Firefighters Association; most notably, he has trained more firefighters across the State of Kansas than any other person in the history of the state fire service, ensuring his legacy of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ruff is the first Kansan to be awarded this singular honor: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Chief Ruff for his exemplary leadership and dedication to his community and the State of Kansas, express our appreciation for his selfless commitment to the state fire service, and wish him all the very best in his future endeavors; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Chief Lawrence F. “Sonny” Ruff, P.O. Box 191, Logan, Kansas 67646.

Senate Resolution No. 1819 was sponsored by Senators Janis K. Lee and Stephen R. Morris.

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.*