

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1832

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Rod Walker.

WHEREAS, Rod Walker, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies and Activities at Kansas State University, will retire after 41 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Walker, who currently conducts the Kansas State Choir and Kansas State Chorale, and heads the undergraduate and graduate choral conducting program, received a BME from the University of Nebraska and a MME from the University of Colorado, University of Iowa and Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Walker's talent for music has been recognized and honored locally, nationally and internationally. He directs the Chancel Choir at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan and has been Chorus Master of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra for eight seasons. He has traveled as guest conductor, lecturer and adjudicator to 31 American states and 13 foreign countries. This renowned director has guest conducted more than 420 all-state, university, honor, regional, divisional and other festival choruses; and

WHEREAS, Walker's Kansas State Choir has traveled throughout the United States, Australia and much of Europe, including the former Soviet Union, Poland, England, Wales, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Belgium. His choir has performed nine concert tours on three continents, including performances at major music conventions, festivals and special occasions. The choir has been broadcast internationally for ten years on CBS Radio's "Cavalcade of Christmas Music" program; and

WHEREAS, Walker holds several professional memberships and has edited dozens of choral selections for publication, including his own Rod Walker Choral Series: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Rod Walker for his long and distinguished career as a director and professor of music, thank him for the inspiration and joy he has given the thousands of students who benefited from his direction and his passion for music, and offer him our very best wishes for a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide four enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Stephen R. Morris for presentation to Rod Walker, Kansas State University, Mr. Walker's family and Senate President Morris's daughter Stephanie who treasures her memories and experiences as a member of the Kansas State Choir.

Senate Resolution No. 1832 was sponsored by Senators Stephen R. Morris and Roger P. Reitz.

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.*