SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1834

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2007 Wichita Police Officer of the Year, Lieutenant Jeffery Easter.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Easter is an 18 year veteran of the Wichita Police Department. He currently serves as Section Commander of the Gang/Felony Assault Section. Lieutenant Easter was chosen to head a task force focused on gang activity that resulted in 40 indictments for crimes including homicide, drug charges, promoting child prostitution, assault and weapons violations; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Easter has been cited by detectives, U.S. attorneys, and the captain of the department as a person with unswerving devotion to the duties of a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Due to his exemplary service to the public, Lieutenant Easter has received the Wichita Police Department Bronze Wreath of Meritorious Service, and a Certificate of Commendation; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association honored Lieutenant Easter for his efforts to prevent youth violence; and

WHEREAS, The Wichita Business Journal named Lieutenant Easter as one of its "40 under 40" award recipients. The "40 under 40" award honors Wichitans under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to the economy and the community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Easter has been involved in public service at the state level by working to ensure the passage of the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 2006; and

WHEREAS, The community of Wichita has greatly benefitted from Lieutenant Easter's participation in Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Kevin Easter Cops for Kids Bowl, and the 2006 Dream Center; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of Kansas, the strength of our communities, and the safety of the general public depends upon people like Lieutenant Easter who dedicate their lives to the service of others: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the recipient of the 2007 Wichita Police Officer of the Year, Lieutenant Jeffery Easter.

Senate Resolution No. 1834 was sponsored by Senators Petersen, Allen, Apple, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Bruce, Donovan, Emler, Francisco, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Kelly, Lee, Lynn, McGinn, Morris, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Pine, Pyle, Reitz, D. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle, Wilson and Wysong.

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

	President of the Senate.
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	Secretary of the Senate.