

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1872

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life and death of James W. Woods, Sr., particularly in light of his dedicated service to the Kansas Senate as Sergeant at Arms.

WHEREAS, James W. Woods, Sr., was born June 11, 1920, in Stafford, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Woods married Margaret Gates on February 22, 1939, in Raton, New Mexico, and had two sons, James W. Woods, Jr., now deceased, and Glenn Craig Woods; and

WHEREAS, Woods' 43 year career with Santa Fe began in 1940, but was briefly interrupted from 1942 to 1947, when he entered military service; he retired on September 1, 1983, with 43 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Woods remained in the United States Army Reserve program, ultimately serving as Assistant Commandant of the 5047th USAR School in Topeka; he transferred to the Army Retired Reserve in 1972, after obtaining the rank of lieutenant colonel, completing 30 years of service and being awarded the Meritorious Medal; and

WHEREAS, Woods began his service to the Kansas Senate in 1985, became Sergeant at Arms in 1989 and retired from the position in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Woods was an active and ardent member of the National Legislative Services and Security Association (NLSSA), a professional organization of sergeants at arms, security personnel, state police and support service staff of the nation's state legislatures; he held many leadership positions within the group; and

WHEREAS, Woods was recognized by the NLSSA for his outstanding professionalism and integrity and was given its John Everhardt "Trooper" Award for the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Among his many duties, Woods particularly relished working with the movie crews that came to shoot in the capitol; he worked closely with performers and stars on 1989's Cross of Fire made for TV movie about the Reverend Bird and Lorna Anderson affair, murders and trials, and on 1993's A Matter of Justice, a made for television movie starring Martin Sheen and Patty Duke; Woods forged a friendship with Ms. Duke, of whom he was particularly fond; and

WHEREAS, Woods made many friends among the legislators, staff and doormen with whom he served and will be remembered for his sincere concern for the well being of those in the Senate, his enthusiasm for the activities of his professional organization, and for his attention to detail: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we remember and commend James W. Woods, Sr., for his more than 15 years of dedicated service and loyalty to the Kansas Senate, as a Sergeant at Arms, and extend our deepest sympathy to the Woods family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Woods family.

Senate Resolution No. 1872 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Morris and Lee.

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.*