

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1882

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ron Nitcher.

WHEREAS, Ron Nitcher will be retiring on July 1, 2010, after serving the State of Kansas for 16 years through his outstanding efforts at the Kansas State Department of Education. Prior to his service at the Department of Education, Ron served for 11 years at the Kansas Insurance Department and five years at the State Department of Administration, for a total of 32 years of dedicated service to the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Ron graduated from Lawrence High School in 1973. He attended the University of Kansas and graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business in May of 1977. He was an excellent student, having been named to the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll. Ron was an accounting honor student, graduating in the top 10% of his class; and

WHEREAS, Ron served at the State Department of Administration as a Central Accountant in the Division of Accounts and Reports from 1978 to 1983. He then served as a Controller at the Kansas Insurance Department from 1983 to 1994, where he was responsible for supervising accounting, budgeting, internal auditing and many other duties. In 1994, he joined the Department of Education as the Director of Fiscal Services and Operations; and

WHEREAS, At the Department of Education, Ron prepared and justified the Department's annual budget request, covering approximately 70 state and federal programs. He worked with other state departments and the Kansas Legislative Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means and their subcommittees, as well as the United States Department of Education. He oversaw grants and financial reporting, managed daily operations of a highly complex computerized accounting and procurement system, managed the facilities and print shop of the Department of Education and supervised all financial and management responsibilities and ensured compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations and guidelines, in addition to many other responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Ron has been an invaluable source of information for the staff of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes in the drafting of legislation concerning both school finance and relating to budget matters for the Department of Education. He has also been invaluable in his assistance and as a source of information for the staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department; and

WHEREAS, Ron has always been known for his dedication to his job, rarely taking time off from work. He could almost always be found working one, if not both days, every weekend. His integrity, professionalism and kindness have been appreciated by everyone with whom he has worked at the Department of Education, as well as at the Department of Administration and the Insurance Department; and

WHEREAS, Ron is more than just a colleague or co-worker. Ron is a dear friend to all who have had the privilege of working with him. Ron will be sorely missed by all when he leaves in July to begin his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ron plans on enjoying his retirement through riding his motorcycle, camping with his pop-up trailer, playing and collecting mandolins and enjoying all types of music, as well as spending time with his family, including his wife, Cindy, his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Kerry Romero and their children, Mira, Mason, Austin and Anthony, and his daughter Madison: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Ron Nitcher for his 32 years of devoted service to the State of Kansas and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send five enrolled copies of this resolution to: Kansas State Department of Education, c/o Ron Nitcher, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1182.

Senate Resolution No. 1882 was sponsored by Senators Schodorf, Abrams, Hensley, Huelskamp, Marshall, Owens, Steineger, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.*