

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6034

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending First Assistant Revisor James Arthur Wilson III on his retirement.

WHEREAS, James Arthur Wilson III (Jim) retired from the Revisor of Statutes office this year after 40 years of service with the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Jim is a lifelong Kansan, growing up in Iola, and then living in Manhattan, Lawrence and Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Jim served in the United States Army National Guard for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, Jim earned his Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Kansas State University and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Jim married his wife, Grace, in 1970. They have a son, Matt Wilson, married to Melanie, and two grandchildren, Alex and Vivian; and

WHEREAS, Jim started working for the Revisor of Statutes office in 1972. In 1974 he was promoted to Assistant Revisor, in 1977 he was promoted to Senior Assistant Revisor, and in 1996 he was promoted to First Assistant Revisor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Jim was an incredible source of information and knowledge to the Revisor's office and the legislature about the history of the legislature and Kansas government. He mentored many young attorneys in the Revisor's office; and

WHEREAS, Jim staffed many different committees over his career in serving the legislature, but was best known for his work with the budget committees. Over his career he drafted hundreds of budget bills and countless provisos; and

WHEREAS, Jim is known for his good natured humor, patience and grace in working long nights on producing the budget bills every session and for his ability to work with legislators in drafting complicated budget bills in a manner that accomplishes their goals. Jim closed every email he sent with a hearty "*Ad astra*": Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we commend, congratulate and thank James Arthur Wilson III for his long and successful career serving the legislature with the Revisor of Statutes office.

House Resolution No. 6034 was sponsored by Representatives Davis and O'Neal

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*