

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____

By Senators Morris, Vratil, Emler, Hensley, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Kelly, Holland and Francisco

A RESOLUTION offering official congratulations, gratitude and recognition to Pat Saville, Secretary of the Kansas Senate, on her impending retirement from service to the members of the Kansas Senate and the people of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Pat Saville was appointed Secretary of the Senate in December 1990 and upon her retirement in 2012, is the longest serving Secretary of the Senate in the history of the state. Pat has served in this critical and indispensable role for nearly 22 years under Senate Presidents Bud Burke, Dick Bond, Dave Kerr and Stephen R. Morris; and

WHEREAS, Pat began her lengthy state employment in 1964, spending seven years with the Veterans Commission before taking a position as a secretary to House members from 1975 through 1978. She then served as Secretary and Administrative Assistant to House Majority Leader Bob Frey from 1979 to 1982; Secretary to House Majority Leader Joe Knopp from 1987 to 1988; and Administrative Assistant/ Executive Secretary to Senate President Bud Burke from 1989 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Pat is a native Kansan, born September 10, 1943, at Marysville, Kansas, where she grew up with her two sisters and five brothers. She married Gary Saville in 1964 and kept the homefires burning bright while Gary served his country in Vietnam. They raised two daughters, who like their mother, are bright, successful, strong women: Kelley, married to husband Rick Smith, of Manhattan, Kansas; and Nicole, married to husband Joel Oliver, of Topeka. Pat and Gary have happily embraced their role as grandparents to granddaughters Carly and Kendall Smith, and Morgan and Ainslee Oliver, and to grandson Jonah Oliver. They eagerly look forward to the arrival of another grandchild this summer; and

WHEREAS, Pat attended Emporia State University and Washburn University and is a proud graduate of the Legislative Staff Management Institute at the University of Minnesota in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Pat dedicated herself to her position, becoming actively engaged in national legislative staff organizations. She took on many responsibilities and leadership roles, including being a member of the NCSL Executive Committee for three years and ultimately, serving as President of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries from 2000 to 2001. In 2007, Pat was honored for her leadership, receiving the prestigious NCSL and ASLCS Legislative Staff Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Pat established a lofty standard of excellence in the Senate Secretary's office, providing accurate, reliable and timely information to her senators and to members of the public. She has assembled a dedicated staff tirelessly devoted to that high standard. Pat's work ethic, grounded in her strong rural Kansas roots, serves as a shining example to all who work with her and all who come into contact with her; and

WHEREAS, Pat has seen the Kansas Senate through the sometimes turbulent transition to ever more sophisticated technology throughout her years of service. In those efforts, Pat's one driving force was to do what was right for the Senate, to keep true to the mission of this vaunted institution. Her mission has always been first and foremost about serving well – not only the elected men and women who occupy the Kansas Senate chamber today, but to honor those who served in the past and to establish a firm foundation for those to come: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we take this opportunity, in the presence of the members of the Kansas Senate, of Pat's family, friends, colleagues and coworkers, to say thank you to Pat Saville, Secretary of the Senate. Thank you for your extraordinary service, your sense of fairness, your unfailing attention to detail, and your unflinching adherence to what is right. We are grateful for all you have done for us, for the Senate and for the state of Kansas. You have been a stalwart of this chamber and an outstanding representative of the state in your service at the national level. You are a tremendous asset to the Kansas Senate. You are a great person, a great Kansan and a

great friend. All of us gathered here today thank you and wish you and your family the very best in all the years to come; and

Be it further resolved: That the Deputy Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Morris.