

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6018

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, on her retirement.

WHEREAS, After 39 years of service to the Kansas legislature, Mary Ann Torrence is retiring from the Office of Revisor of Statutes on March 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mary was born on January 3, 1948 in Topeka, Kansas to Elon and Lois “Polly” Torrence; and

WHEREAS, Mary grew up in Topeka and graduated from Topeka High School in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mary attended the University of Kansas and majored in political science and American studies. She graduated with her bachelor of science degree in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mary earned her juris doctor degree from the University of Kansas school of law in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mary began her legal career in 1974 as an assistant revisor in the Office of Revisor of Statutes; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, after 32 years working in the Office of Revisor of Statutes, Mary was appointed to serve as the Revisor of Statutes by the legislative coordinating council. She is the eighth person, first woman and first KU graduate to serve as Revisor in the history of the office; and

WHEREAS, Mary married Steve Tallen on November 24, 1983. They have two children, Aaron Tallen and Holly Rohleder. They also have four grandchildren, Kamryn, Preston, Paige and Alex; and

WHEREAS, Mary is a great champion of the mentor program in the Office of Revisor of Statutes. The program has provided new attorneys a source of experience and institutional knowledge to learn the ins and outs of the unique nature of being a revisor; and

WHEREAS, Mary is known as a thoughtful and compassionate person with a big heart. She is always willing to put aside her own work to help a colleague in need. She is also quick to sit in on any committee regardless of the subject matter; and

WHEREAS, Mary is full of life. She loves to eat, drink and travel, especially in the good company of her dogs, her family and her friends: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate, commend and thank Mary Ann Torrence for her long, successful career serving the legislature in the Office of Revisor of Statutes. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

House Resolution No. 6018 was sponsored by Representatives Ray Merrick and Paul Davis.

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.*