

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1759

A Resolution congratulating Topeka Mayor Bill Bunten on his retirement.

WHEREAS, Topeka's mayor, Bill Bunten, is retiring after eight years as mayor, 28 years in the Kansas House of Representatives, and two years in the Kansas Senate; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bunten is a native Topekan. He attended Randolph Grade School, Boswell Junior High and Topeka High School. Bunten then attended the University of Kansas where he graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, After college, Bill Bunten became an officer in the Marine Corps, serving a tour that included time in Japan and duty patrolling along the demilitarized zone in Korea. He left active duty in late 1954 and remained in the Marine Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bunten was married in 1962 to JoAnn, and they have two grown children and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Also in 1962, Bill Bunten ran for his first term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He won his election starting his 14 terms representing southwest Topeka's 54th District. He spent eight years as chairman and six years as vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and its predecessor, the Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bunten was elected mayor of Topeka on April 5, 2005. During this time he has issued 466 mayoral proclamations and made numerous appearances at public events; and

WHEREAS, When speaking about his career in public service, Bill Bunten says, "I believe it was Mayor James McClinton who said being mayor of Topeka was the best job anyone could have – and I agree." Mayor Bunten is pleased that the Topeka community has become re-energized and is bringing in new companies and retaining existing businesses: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate Mayor Bill Bunten on his retirement. He has been an incredible public figure for the Topeka community, and his efforts are much appreciated. We wish him well during his retirement; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Hensley.**

Senate Resolution No. 1759 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Kelly and V. Schmidt. I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.