

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1744

A RESOLUTION recognizing Raney L. Gilliland for his many years of service and dedication to the Kansas Legislature and the State of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Raney L. Gilliland began his distinguished state service with the Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) on January 2, 1979, serving the Legislature and the agency for 40 years and 41 legislative sessions. During Raney's tenure with the department, KLRD provided staff support to 20 presiding officers: 7 Presidents of the Senate and 13 Speakers of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, The son of a farmer and stockman, Raney brought his rural Jackson County roots with him to his beloved alma mater and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and a Master of Science degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, Raney began his legislative service as a research assistant and served as a research analyst, principal analyst, and the assistant director for research prior to February 2012, when he was named the Interim Director of KLRD, a support staff agency for the Legislature that provides nonpartisan, objective research and fiscal analysis; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Coordinating Council appointed Raney to the post of Director of Legislative Research in August 2012, where he served until his retirement in March 2019. In that role, Raney participated in the biannual meetings of the consensus revenue estimate group and provided both his leadership and experience to the group's work; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at KLRD, Raney met his wife, Jill. A few years later, the Gillilands welcomed their son, Asher, who would also go on to become a graduate of Kansas State University. The Gillilands share a passion for arts and music, K-State athletics, and the preservation and collection of clothing buttons, having participated in several conventions of the National Button Society; and

WHEREAS, Raney's service extended to his exemplary work with legislative committees, as was his expectation of all KLRD analysts and legislative fellows who staff legislative committees. Raney was well known for his contributions to the standing committees on agriculture and natural resources and the joint committee on administrative rules and regulations: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Raney L. Gilliland for his many years of service and dedication to the State of Kansas and the Kansas Legislative Research Department, and we wish him all the best during his well-deserved retirement; and

*Be it further resolved:* Because long-standing public servants are essential to government, the State of Kansas appreciates and celebrates Raney as a dedicated employee and all of his work for the state; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Hensley.

Senate Resolution No. 1744 was sponsored by Senators Anthony Hensley and Susan 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.*