

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1836

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Russell Mills.

WHEREAS, Russell Mills retired on December 20, 2004, after serving the Kansas Legislature over 31 years in the Kansas Legislative Research Department; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills commenced working for the Legislative Research Department in 1973 as a Research Assistant, and because of his outstanding analytical and research skills was promoted to Research Analyst in 1975 and to Principal Analyst in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills, ever the consummate professional, was known throughout the legislature for his expertise in federal and state affairs, gaming, state-tribal relations, liquor and corrections; and in these areas he handled a wide variety of issues and became a valuable resource for the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills also served the legislature as a Senior Fiscal Analyst from 1985 to 1998 and became knowledgeable in fiscal affairs of agencies and programs including corrections, wildlife and parks, higher education, public safety, natural resources and judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills provided significant editorial assistance to the Legislative Research Department in the publication of the annual Summary of Legislation, Interim Committee Reports and Legislative Highlights, and the periodic publication of the legislative process reference manual, Legislative Procedure in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills served with distinction and honor as an Intelligence Specialist in the United States Air Force obtaining the rank of Sergeant, including a tour of duty in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in political science and soviet area studies from the University of Kansas and did additional graduate work in political science at the University of Chicago. He also attended the Russian language program at Leningrad State University, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills is the proud father of Adam R. Mills and Aaron R. Mills, and brother to Bill Mills of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, Russell Mills has served the legislative branch with distinction and now is embarking on a new chapter in his life: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* We congratulate and commend Russell Mills for his 31 years of devoted, conscientious service to the state of Kansas and for his legacy of excellence, established during his tenure as a Research and Fiscal Analyst of the Kansas Legislative Research Department; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Russell Mills, Adam R. Mills, Aaron R. Mills, and Bill Mills, all in care of Russell Mills, 3010 S.W. Quail Creek Drive, Topeka, KS 66614.

Senate Resolution No. 1836 was sponsored by Senators Morris, Allen, Apple, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Donovan, Emler, Francisco, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Kelly, Lee, McGinn, O'Connor, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Petersen, Pine, Pyle, Reitz, D. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle, Wilson and Wysong.

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.*