

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1861

A RESOLUTION commending 60 years of cooperative efforts by the state of Kansas and The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas, through the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA) and its predecessors, and The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have a sixty-year historic public-private partnership dedicated to serving veterans of the State of Kansas in obtaining their earned Veterans Administration (VA) benefits; and

WHEREAS, This partnership has assisted hundreds of thousands of veterans while saving Kansas tax revenues through The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars by providing office space for KCVA personnel in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and Regional Offices located in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars provides equipment, manuals, training, Veteran Service Representative Accreditation and their respective national Veterans Affairs Appeals networks to Kansas veterans and their families through the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars local volunteer Service Officers provide veterans and their families initial assistance and make referrals to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Field Offices in filing VA claims; and

WHEREAS, The 512 local community-based posts of The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars routinely provide their facilities for the dissemination of information pertaining to veterans' benefits in support of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs' mission; and

WHEREAS, The members of The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliaries annually volunteer thousands of hours in Kansas' three Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, the Kansas Soldiers Home at Ft. Dodge, and the Kansas Veterans Home at Winfield, and donate significant sums to provide material support to veterans confined to the aforementioned facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs has traditionally provided adequate staffing in The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars offices and other support in their unique public-private partnership: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the body commends the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars on their sixty-year history of cooperative service to Kansas veterans and their families; and

*Be it further resolved:* It is the wish of this legislative body that the public-private partnership described in this resolution between the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars continue for an additional 60 years.

Senate Resolution No. 1861 was sponsored by Senator Ostmeyer.

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.*