

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1893

A RESOLUTION congratulating and thanking Ed and Judy Colson.

WHEREAS, After over 60 years of combined service to the Olathe Bands programs with the Olathe Schools, Ed and Judy Colson plan to retire from the Olathe District Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ed and Judy Colson both graduated from Baker University with Masters Degrees in 1988 and began their teaching careers in rural Kansas prior to joining the Olathe School District; and

WHEREAS, Ed Colson is the Director of Bands at Olathe Northwest High School. Ed is a co-founder of the new Kansas City Jazz Festival held in Kansas City's historic 18th and Vine District and is also on the Board of Directors for the Johnson County Wind Symphony; and

WHEREAS, Ed received the National Band Association Award for Outstanding Jazz Education in 1993 and is listed in the 2006 edition of Outstanding American Teachers and the 2008 edition of Who's Who in America; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Olathe News listed Ed as number 40 on their list of the 150 most notable people in Olathe's 150-year history. Ed is very involved in the community. He is on Olathe's Sister Cities Committee, is musical coordinator for Winterfest and is the conductor of the Olathe Civic Band, a position he has held since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Judy Colson is the Associate Director at Olathe Northwest High School and is in her thirty-first year of teaching band in Kansas. In addition to her work with Olathe Northwest Bands, she is a sponsor of the ONW Tri-M Music Honor Society and performs with the Olathe Civic Band; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2002, Judy Colson was awarded the Olathe Public Schools Foundation Educator Excellence Award and is listed in the 2009 edition of Who's Who of American Women; and

WHEREAS, The combined 60 years of contributions that Ed and Judy Colson have provided to the advancement of music education in Kansas have been invaluable: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we thank Ed and Judy Colson for their many years of wonderful service enriching many students' lives and that we congratulate them on their retirement and wish them continued success and happiness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Julia Lynn.

Senate Resolution No. 1893 was sponsored by Senators Lynn, Brownlee and Colyer.

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.*