

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1878

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mary Galligan.

WHEREAS, Mary Galligan retired on December 25, 2009, after serving the Kansas Legislature for 27 years through her outstanding efforts in the Kansas Legislative Research Department; and

WHEREAS, Mary received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Southwest Missouri State University, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Mary commenced working for the Kansas Legislative Research Department as a Fiscal Analyst on August 30, 1982 and was promoted to a Principal Analyst on June 18, 1986. She was promoted again to Assistant Director for Information Management on August 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mary served the Kansas Legislature as one of the eminent legislative research experts in the state policy areas of gambling, death penalty, alcohol and drugs, public health, Regents' institutions funding, energy and utilities and throughout her tenure answered innumerable questions on these and other topics; and

WHEREAS, Mary served the Kansas Legislature and the State of Kansas by being the lead staff person on redistricting efforts for the development of districts for the Senate, the House of Representatives, the U.S. Congressional Districts and the State Board of Education in 1989, 1992 and 2002, all of which resulted in the Kansas Supreme Court determining that those plans were valid and met the constitutional test of fair redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Mary was instrumental in assisting in the ongoing success of the University of Kansas Legislative Intern Program, where she provided her sage wisdom and was a mentor to hundreds of university students on the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mary was intricately involved in numerous computer and computerization efforts for the Kansas Research Department and the Kansas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Mary was active in numerous redistricting seminars and continuing education activities through the National Conference of State Legislatures and served as staff for the National Conference of State Legislatures' committees; and

WHEREAS, Mary married Allan Foster, also a valued legislative employee, on March 14, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mary plans on enjoying her retirement through gardening, reading, educating others concerning the legislative process, volunteering for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and other charities, as well as traveling: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Mary Galligan for her 27 years of devoted service to the State of Kansas and extend our best wishes for her continued success and happiness in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mary Galligan, 6321 SW 25th St., Topeka, KS 66614.

Senate Resolution No. 1878 was sponsored by Senators Morris, D. Schmidt and Hensley.

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.*