

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1719

A RESOLUTION commending the firefighters of Kansas for their selfless service and observing the month of October as Firefighter Appreciation Month.

WHEREAS, Firefighters have one of the most hazardous professions, requiring extensive training, strength, endurance, courage and a selfless concern for the welfare of our Kansas citizens; and

WHEREAS, The goals of every firefighter include fire prevention, fire suppression and protection of life; and

WHEREAS, The firefighters of Kansas have continuously supported the efforts to elevate the standards and training of firefighters and have been instrumental in increasing the public's awareness of methods of fire prevention and suppression; and

WHEREAS, Kansas firefighters have dedicated themselves to the protection of the life and property of their fellow Kansans, often at great risk to their own safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, The contributions and sacrifices of valiant Kansas firefighters often go unreported and are inadequately recognized by the public; and

WHEREAS, Kansas firefighters strive to provide all Kansas communities with excellent, proactive, fire and life safety services through prevention, education and protection; and

WHEREAS, The work of Kansas firefighters deserves the attention and gratitude of all individuals in Kansas, as they risk their lives running into burning buildings to save our Kansas families every single day of the year: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize and commend the firefighters of Kansas for their selfless service and observe the month of October as Firefighter Appreciation Month; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Faust-Goudeau; Ronald D. Blackwell, Wichita Fire Chief; Tammy Snow, Wichita Deputy Fire Chief; Steve Schowalter, Wichita Fire Captain; Tim Carr, Wichita Fire Captain; Rocky Bumgarner, Wichita Fire Captain; Jose Ocadiz, Wichita Fire Lieutenant; Fire Captain Chad Dunham, 2015 Firefighter of the Year; Matt Schulte, Wichita Fire Lieutenant and President of Local 135; Blake Redd, Topeka Fire Captain; Bill Miller, Topeka Fire Lieutenant; Jim Seichepine, Topeka Fire Lieutenant; Brian Flott, Topeka Firefighter; Jacob Torre, Topeka Fire Apparatus Operator and Eric Voss, Concordia Fire Chief.

Senate Resolution No. 1719 was sponsored by Senators Faust-Goudeau, Bowers, Hensley and O'Donnell.

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.*