

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1770

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Fred Hollomon
and his service as Chaplain of the Kansas Senate.

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred Hollomon served as the Chaplain of the Kansas Senate for 31 years, retiring in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred Hollomon, known affectionately by all in the statehouse as Reverend Fred, was born on May 25, 1925, near Dawson, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred's family moved to Dothan, Alabama, in 1938, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He attended the University of Alabama for one year before joining the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred was in the Navy from 1943 to 1946, where he graduated from Midshipman's School at Notre Dame and Aerial Navigator's School in Clinton, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred returned to the University of Alabama, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1949. He worked in a bank for a year and a half, and then went to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, where he graduated with a Master of Religious Education degree and a Master of Divinity degree in 1956. He was ordained in the gospel ministry while at the seminary; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred served as pastor for 50 years in eight different Southern Baptist churches. The last church was in Topeka, where he served as pastor for 14 years. He retired from the pastorate in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred worked as an administrative assistant in both the House and the Senate, which gave him a unique insider's perspective to the workings of the Legislature and the day-to-day challenges faced by those in public service; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred and his wife, Pat, were married for more than 45 years and had a large, blended family of nine children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred's prayers opened each day of the session by encouraging, uplifting and renewing us, often bringing a smile at the same time. As Chaplain, Reverend Fred offered inspiration and guidance to the men and women of the Senate through his pastoral presence and his spiritual invocations, often given in perfect rhyme; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred Hollomon passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in Lawrence, Kansas, at the age of 92. Services will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we joyfully remember the life and spirit of Reverend Fred Hollomon and express our gratitude for his service as Chaplain of the Kansas Senate, and we further express our appreciation for his wonderful wife, Pat, for sharing him with this body. We benefited from the wisdom, kindness and down-home wit of the original prayers and prayer-poems delivered by Reverend Fred in this chamber. We deeply appreciate his devotion to serving God, our chamber and our people in his unique and prayerful way and celebrate his life; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Pat Hollomon and an enrolled copy to Senator Haley.

Senate Resolution No. 1770 was sponsored by Senators Haley, Bowers, Denning, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Hawk, Hensley, Kelly, Longbine, Lynn, McGinn, Petersen, Pettey, Rogers and Wagle.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.