

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

By Senators Morris, Vratil, Emler, Hensley, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Kelly, Holland and Francisco

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Reverend Fred S. Hollomon for his service as Chaplain of the Kansas Senate.

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred Hollomon, known affectionately by all in the statehouse as Reverend Fred, was born 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 B.S. 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 and a Master of Divinity degree in 1956. He was ordained in the gospel ministry while there; 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, have been married for 37 years. They have a blended family of nine children, seven girls and two boys. They have 19 grandchildren and eight great

grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Fred served as Chaplain of the Kansas Senate for 31 years. His prayers to open each day of the session encourage, uplift and renew us, often bringing a smile at the same time. As Chaplain, Reverend Fred has offered spiritual inspiration and guidance to the men and women of the Senate through his wonderful invocations and pastoral presence: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Reverend Fred S. Hollomon for his exemplary service as Chaplain of the Kansas Senate. We benefit from the wisdom, kindness and down-home wit of the wonderfully original prayers and prayer-poems offered by Reverend Fred. We deeply appreciate his devotion to serving our chamber and our people in his unique and prayerful way. We thank him for his 31 years of service to the Kansas Senate and wish him and his family all the best in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Morris.