

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1870

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas Highway Patrol on its
75 years of service to the citizens of Kansas.

WHEREAS, In 1933, the Kansas Legislature, Governor Alfred Landon and Highway Department Attorney Wint Smith acted to halt the rampant bank robberies and crime sprees of the 1920s and 1930s. They created a force of ten motor vehicle inspectors, the forerunners of Kansas troopers. The Kansas Legislature created the Kansas Highway Patrol in 1937, staffed with 45 patrolmen; and

WHEREAS, The duties, powers and authority of the Kansas Highway Patrol are still largely unchanged from this early law concerning the enforcement of traffic and drivers' license laws promoting safety and protecting life upon the highways of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, legislation was passed to provide the Kansas Highway Patrol with two-way state radio communications; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, each trooper was assigned a patrol car to improve coverage of Kansas roadways and provided access to the Law Enforcement Teletype System and National Crime Information Center, which improved the Kansas Highway Patrol's communications. The Kansas Highway Patrol began the use of aircraft in its enforcement program in 1963. The plane was used to detect violators from the air and report them to ground units for action; and

WHEREAS, The first female troopers joined the Kansas Highway Patrol in 1981. Today, the agency actively recruits both women and men to be troopers as well as to fill other uniformed and civilian positions; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Highway Patrol is vested with the power and authority of peace, police and law enforcement officers anywhere in the state irrespective of county lines; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding. The Kansas Highway Patrol has preserved and protected such values with unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Highway Patrol's history is replete with commendations for innovation, expertise in criminal investigations, traffic enforcement and accommodation to continuing technological advances in the law enforcement industry. Members of the Kansas Highway Patrol have served the citizens of Kansas with great distinction and honor, exhibiting unparalleled professionalism and excellence for the past 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Kansas Highway Patrol have faced extremely dangerous situations, doing so with bravery, while protecting themselves and others. The extensive training, experience and strong will of the Kansas Highway Patrol has enabled the agency to respond to major accidents and natural disasters occurring throughout the state: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Kansas Highway Patrol for its 75 years of service, protection and dedication to the citizens of the state of Kansas. Kansas citizens have come to rely on these valiant law enforcement officers in times of civil disorder or personal distress and their trust has been well founded. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of the members of the Kansas Highway Patrol to the people of this state; and

Be it further resolved: That we pay tribute to the Kansas Highway Patrol for 75 years of selfless dedication, devotion and commitment of the highest caliber in providing service, public safety and law enforcement to the residents and visitors of the great state of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 18 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Faust-Goudeau.

Senate Resolution No. 1870 was sponsored by Senators Faust-Goudeau, Abrams, Brungardt, Emler, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Kelly, Kelsey, Kultala, Longbine, Love, Masterson, McGinn, Merrick, Morris, Ostmeyer, Owens, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, A. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil 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.