

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1704

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Timothy (Tim) R. Graham for his years of dedicated service to Senate Democratic Leader Anthony Hensley, the Kansas Senate Democratic Caucus and the people of Kansas.**

**WHEREAS, Timothy (Tim) R. Graham graduated from Fort Hays State University in May of 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in History. He was admitted to Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, which recognizes students for high academic achievement in the field of political science; and**

**WHEREAS, Prior to his graduation from Fort Hays State University, Tim served as an intern in the Kansas House of Representatives for Eber Phelps, driving from Hays to Topeka at least once a week to spend a full day at the Statehouse. Later that year, he took off a semester from school to work full-time as a Field Director for the Kansas Democratic Party in the 1998 election campaigns; and**

**WHEREAS, Tim first started working for Senator Hensley in the 2000 elections as a field organizer in Sedgwick County. His first session working in the Kansas Senate was in 2001, where he was the Special Assistant on Redistricting for the Senate Democratic Caucus. Tim was instrumental in drafting a Senate redistricting map initially approved by a bi-partisan group of 21 Senators, but vetoed by Governor Graves with suggested changes that would meet the Governor's approval. The final version of the map passed with 29 Senators voting for it and the Governor signing it into law; and**

**WHEREAS, Tim became Chief of Staff for Senator Hensley in August 2003, where he served continuously, except for nine months in 2010 when he was the Assistant Kansas Secretary of State. He worked in 16 legislative sessions and three special sessions under four different Governors and with 97 different Senators. Upon his resignation last month, only two Senators had served in the Senate longer than Tim's tenure working as legislative staff in the Senate; and**

**WHEREAS, In his 16 years of public service, Tim forged many lasting friendships among Democratic and Republican members of both the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives. Although he worked as a partisan staff person, he was widely respected for his integrity and honest dealings with people across the political spectrum; and**

**WHEREAS, The political process and the Kansas Legislature have played such a significant role in Tim's life, as he and his wife, Amalia, were married in the Kansas Senate chamber on August 22, 2009. Tim and Amalia are the proud parents of their son, Reid, who is a kindergarten student at Langston Hughes Elementary School in Lawrence: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Timothy (Tim) R. Graham for his 16 years of dedicated service to Senate Democratic Leader Anthony Hensley, the Kansas Senate Democratic Caucus and the people of Kansas; and***

***Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Anthony Hensley.***

Senate Resolution No. 1704 was sponsored by Senator Anthony 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.*