

A Senate resolution

commending John Kaul for 48 years of service at the Minnesota State Capitol.

WHEREAS, John Kaul began working at the Senate on January 5, 1971, at age 23 during a historic time in state history when the Senate was tied with 33 Conservatives and 33 Liberals and one Independent who promised to caucus with the majority. No single party was in charge for eight days until the State Supreme Court ruled the Independent could be seated as a Conservative; and

WHEREAS, John served as chief of staff to one of the most colorful, visionary, and effective Senate Majority leaders in Minnesota's history, Nicholas Coleman, from 1974 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, he worked as a lobbyist for various causes including chief lobbyist for Minnesota State Universities from 1987 to 1993 and chief lobbyist for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities from 1993 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, he established the "Capitol Gains" lobbying firm in 2000 and represented Washington County, Rochester Public Schools, Minnesota Hospital Association, Minnesota Twins, Andersen Corporation, Minnesota Humanities Commission, Minneapolis, and dozens of others including volunteering as a lobbyist for the victims of clerical sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, he created the social media photographic chronicling of the Minnesota Legislature called "End of the Session Voyeurism" and prefers to be known as "an artist locked up in the body of a lobbyist"; and

WHEREAS, John has decided to retire from his work at the Capitol but has begun a new adventure with a film making and photography enterprise called Afton Films; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it commends John Kaul for 48 years of service at the Capitol, extends appreciation for his contributions to the legislature, and wishes him success with Afton Films and a long and productive retirement with many great trips to faraway places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to John Kaul.

Cal R. Ludeman
Secretary of the Senate

Paul E. Gazelka
Chair, Senate Committee on
Rules and Administration

Gregory D. Clausen
State Senator, District 57