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Family

Wife, Barb, married June, 1968
Daughters: Stephanie Heger, Hugoton, KS
Susan Mikolajczak, Denver, CO
Sara Beth Tasset, Dodge City, KS
Eight grandchildren

Military Service

Air Force Active Duty Pilot 1969-1974
Air Force Reserve 1975-1991
Liaison Officer for Air Force Academy
Completed term as commander of this organization in Kansas in April, 1991; consists of 23 officers
Air Force Reserve Retired 1991-Present

Education

1964 graduate of Hugoton High School
1969 graduate of Kansas State University, B.S. Degree in
Agriculture Economics
1970 graduate of Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training

Business

Farming operation consisting of wheat, corn and grain sorghum.

Honors / Awards

Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns Legislative Leadership Award - 2009
InterHab Legislative Leadership Award - 2009
National Guard Association of the United States Charles Dick Medal of Merit - Presented Fall 2007
National Guard Association of Kansas Legislative Support Award for 2005-2006 - Presented April 2006
Kansas Emergency Medical Technicians Assoc. "Outstanding Elected Official" - April, 2005
Stevens County Soil Conservation "Public Achievement Award" - February, 2005
Rocky Mountain Council on Mental Health Centers Award - May, 2004
Jim Widrig Award for Legislative Achievement presented 1998 by Kansas Fertilizer & Chemical Association
National Council of State Legislatures Leadership Program, 1995
Council of State Governments Toll Fellow Program (Class of 35 from around the nation), 1993
Leadership Kansas Class of 1991, sponsored by Kansas Chamber of Commerce
National Friend of Extension Award in November 1990 from Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Honorary of Extension Professionals)
Distinguished Service Award from Kansas State University College of Agriculture, May 1990
Outstanding Air Force Liaison Officer of the Year, 1987
State Friend of Extension Award in October, 1983, from Epsilon Sigma Phi, Sept. 1987
Outstanding Public Official of the Year Award - 2002 (presented by Community Mental Health Association of Kansas)
United States Air Force Air Medal, 1973 (for combat missions flown in Vietnam)
United States Air Force Air Medal, 1971 (For combat missions flown in Vietnam)

Civic and Professional Organizations

Kansas Teacher of the Year Program, Regional I Selection Committee, 1993, 1999, 2000
Kansas Teacher of the Year Program, State Selection Committee, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002
Kansas Wildscape Foundation, Board of Directors, 1997-present
University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, Advisory Committee, 1996-2000
Friends of Cedar Crest, 1995-2001, 2004-2007
Aquaculture Advisory Council, 1995-2001
Member of SRS Continuous Quality Improvement Council, 1999-2003
Kansas State Board of Emergency Medical Services, 1993-1997
Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Development, 1993-1997
Citizens Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (SRS), 1993-2000. Ex officio since 2000
Kansas Extension Advisory Council, 1979-1991; president and vice-president, 1979-1983; Ex Officio 1983-2000
Member, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Joint Council on Agriculture & Food Science, 1992-1996.
Hugoton United Methodist Church Administrative Council, 1974-2000
Congressman Pat Roberts Academy Screening Board, 1983-1996
Congressman Jerry Moran Academy Screening Board, 1997-2002
Feed Grains, Subcommittee Chair for the Kansas State Board of Agriculture/Agriculture Research Initiatives Committee, 1991-1992
Board of Directors of CARET (Council for Agriculture, Research, Extension & Teaching); Vice-Chair, 1986-1988; (Advisory council to the Agriculture Division of the Land Grant University System. All 50 states are represented with two or three people per state), 1980-2000
Kansas State University Essential Edge National Steering Committee, 1989-1994
Kansas State University Essential Edge National Policy Committee, 1989-1994
Interstate Migrant Educational Council, 1997-2004
USD 210 Board of Education, 1977-1992; vice-president, 1981-1985, 1991-1992; president 1985-1988
Kansas Association of School Boards Legislative Committee, 1980-1992
Hugoton Chamber of Commerce member
Chair of Hugoton Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee, 1990-1992
Chair, College of Agriculture Legislative Support Group, 1988-1992
National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, 1991–Division of Agriculture USDA Budget committee member (committee functioned from 1988-1991, and makes recommendations to the USDA on Agriculture Research, Extension, and Resident Instruction Budgets)
Stevens County Extension Executive Board, 1977-1983; 1984-1991; chair or vice-chair 10 of these years.
Member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1985-1990
President of the Kansas State University Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1989-1990
Agriculture 2000 Committee 1987; Chair of Crops, Horticulture & Forestry Subcommittee (Citizens Committee to make recommendations to Kansas State University re: Ag Research & Extension)
KARL (Kansas Agriculture Rural Leadership) Board of Directors Ex-Officio, 1994-present
Gamma Sigma Delta Agriculture Honorary Fraternity
Kansas Farm Bureau
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion

Political

Kansas State Senator, 39th District, 1993-present

Senate President, 2005-2008

Committees include:

Legislative Coordinating Council, 2005-present

Interstate Cooperation Committee, 2009-present

Organization, Calendar & Rules, chair 2005-present, member 1997-2004

State Finance Council, 2001-present

Capitol Restoration Commission, 2002-present

Agriculture, chair, 1997-2001; member 1993-1997; 2001-2004; 2005-2008; 2009-present

Energy & Natural Resources, vice-chair, 1997-2001; member 1993-1997

Federal & State Affairs, 2009-present

Utilities, 1997-2001

Ways & Means, chair, 2001-2004; member 1993-2001, 2005-2008

Ways & Means Subcommittees, chair

Department of Aging Subcommittee, chair, 1997-2002

Agriculture Subcommittee (Department of Agriculture, Animal Health and Kansas State Fair), chair, 1993-2004

Public Safety Subcommittee on Fire Marshal, Highway Patrol and Adjutant General, chair, 1997-2002

Department of Revenue Subcommittee, chair, 1997-2004

SRS Subcommittee, chair, 2001-2004

Subcommittee on Higher Education (KU, KSU, KSU-Veterinary Medicine, KSU-Extension, Wichita State University, Emporia State University, Ft. Hays State University, Pittsburg State University, Board of Regents, KUMC, Regents Systemwide); chair, 2001-2008

Capital Improvements Subcommittee, chair, 1997-2004

Special Committee on Ways and Means Issues, vice-chair, 2001

Special Committee on Ways and Means Issues, chair, 2003

SRS Transition Oversight Committee, chair, 1997-2000

Joint Committee on State Building Construction, 1996-present; chair-2002, vice-chair-2001 and 2003, chair-2004

Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments & Benefits, chair/vchair-2005-present

Special Committee on Utilities, 2000, chair

Special Committee on Agriculture, 1999, vice-chair

Special Committee on Rail Transportation, 1998, vice-chair

Legislative Budget Committee - chair/vchair- 2000-present

Kansas, Inc., Board and Executive Committee - 2005-2006

The Energy Council, Executive Committee, 2007-present

Council of State Governments (CSG), Executive Committee - present

CSG Midwest, Executive Committee - present

CSG, Health Capacity Task Force, 1997-2000, chair-1997-1998

CSG, Agriculture Task Force, chair, 2000-2003; member 2000-present

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Agriculture and Rural Development Committee-vice-chair, 2002-2003; chair-2004-2005; member-2006

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NCSL - Agriculture, Environment and Energy Committee, vice chair 2006-Present

NCSL - Executive Committee Task Force on Sustainability, present

NCSL - Rural Policy Task Force Steering Committee, 2001-2002

United Methodist Health Ministry Fund Board of Trustees , present - 2012

Stevens County Republican Chair, 1982-1992

Stevens County Precinct Committeeman, 1976-1992

Republican State Committee Alternate, 1984-1992, 2000-2002, 2002-2004

State & District Convention Delegate, 1976-1992

Stevens County Chair for Senator Kassebaum, 1984, 1990

Stevens County Chair for Bush-Quayle, 1988

Stevens County Chair for Bush-Cheney, 2000

Republican State Committee - Executive Committee, 2005-2008

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