



Resolution No. 2014B

Appreciation of Les Koenig, Director of the Joint Audit Program

Whereas, Les Koenig joined the Multistate Tax Commission’s Joint Audit Program as an audit supervisor in 1990; and

Whereas, Les became the director of the Joint Audit Program in 1991; and

Whereas, Les, with his sound and steady judgment, unquestionable integrity, and thoughtful patience, restored the confidence and trust of the states in the Joint Audit Program; and,

Whereas, Les recruited and mentored a talented staff, trusted his people to do the job, and became involved only when major problems arose; and

Whereas, Les, simultaneously firm but accommodating to taxpayers’ needs, was always a voice of reason and patience with everyone and a calming influence in any discussion between auditors, states, and taxpayers, and, as a result, is greatly admired in the taxpayer community and among the states’ audit managers; and

Whereas, Les, regardless of any obstacles that arose, ensured that the Joint Audit Program not only produced quality results, but also remained at the forefront of addressing complex and emerging issues in tax compliance; and

Whereas, Les’s word was always good—he never promised more than he could deliver, and he always delivered on what he promised; and

Whereas, Les guided the program with a sense of fairness for all affected parties and enabled it to adapt effectively to changing circumstances and needs; and

Whereas, Les always had eternal optimism every spring and loyalty for his beloved Cubs, though they haven’t provided him with a championship in his lifetime; and

Whereas, Les is the ultimate defender of his home city of Chicago, always praising its amenities, even though it is referred to as “Second City”; and

Whereas, Les is retiring on July 31, 2014, after twenty-four years of service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission express its heartfelt appreciation for Les Koenig and his outstanding work as director of the Joint Audit Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission wish Les all the best in his retirement, including unlimited rounds of golf.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 2014.

Joe Huddleston
Executive Director