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WOLF APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S CABINET

Governor Mike Hayden named Esther Valladolid Wolf as Secretary of the Kansas Department on Aging on Wednesday, May 20, 1987. Wolf assumed the secretary's responsibilities June 18 from Dr. Ronald Harper, who had been serving as acting secretary.

Governor Hayden said, "I am extremely pleased to announce the selection of Esther Valladolid Wolf as my new Secretary on Aging. We are indeed fortunate to have someone of Esther's ability and caliber joining our administration. She is well known through her work with the elderly as director of the Richard Cabot Clinic and her other numerous affiliations in the field of aging."

"Esther Wolf brings to the department valuable experience in the area of aging, a strong sense of determination and leadership. Her commitment to our state's aging population makes her uniquely qualified for this key post."

"Her strong career background and interest in working with and caring for the elderly, combined with her educational qualifications, make Esther an excellent



Esther Valladolid Wolf

Wolf began her career as the Assistant Administrator for Clinicare Family Health Services, later becoming a planner developer with the Mid America Regional Council. In 1981 she began her own firm, Wolf and Associates Consultants in Long Term Care Facilities. She left the firm in 1982 to become the

Kansas City, Missouri.

Wolf graduated from the University of Kansas in 1976 with a bachelor of science in social work, and received her master's degree in social work from KU in 1977. She attended the Multi-disciplinary Graduate Gerontology Training Program at the University of Kansas in 1976-77. In 1985 she served as a member of the Presidential Task Force on Women's Health Issues and was awarded the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian Award. She was a member of the University of Kansas School of Social Work Advisory Board from 1983-85 and the University of Kansas School of Health Administration Advisory Board from 1984-85.

The Department of Aging is charged with ensuring that all services for the aging, operated by other state agencies, mesh properly and that these services are both accessible and dependable. The department also administers programs funded under the Older Americans Act. As Secretary, Wolf will oversee and administer an operating budget of \$12.49 million.

A reception in honor of Mrs. Wolf was