SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1735

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Jayhawk Theatre, the official State Theater of Kansas.

WHEREAS, The Historic Jayhawk Theatre, located in Topeka, Kansas, first opened its doors on August 16, 1926; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, the Jayhawk Theatre served as a vibrant gathering place for Kansans, hosting performances, films, community events and arts programming that embodied the state's history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, Recognized for its architectural character and historic significance to our state, the Jayhawk Theatre was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 and is a contributing property within the South Kansas Avenue Commercial Historic District; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Jayhawk Theatre was designated as the official State Theater of Kansas by a resolution of the Kansas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Jayhawk Theatre stands as an important historic and cultural landmark in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Historic theaters across Kansas sustain the state's historic character and vibrant community life, and the Jayhawk Theatre remains among these treasured institutions; and

WHEREAS, The continued preservation and restoration of the Jayhawk Theatre represent a major collaborative effort among community partners, preservation advocates and local supporters to advance historic preservation, downtown revitalization, tourism and economic development in the capital city of Topeka and throughout the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The year 2026 marks the centennial anniversary of the Jayhawk Theatre, a landmark that has long contributed meaningfully to the civic and cultural fabric of Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: **That we recognize and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Jayhawk Theatre, the official State Theater of Kansas, and extend our appreciation to all those who have preserved and supported this historic landmark for the benefit of present and future generations; and**

Be it further resolved: **That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Historic Jayhawk Theatre and Senator Dietrich.**

Senate Resolution No. 1735 was sponsored by Senators Dietrich, Kloos, Schmidt and Titus.

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.