

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5023

By Representatives Phelps and Johnson

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION celebrating the 100th anniversary of the authorization of Fort Hays State University by the State of Kansas.

WHEREAS, The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled in March, 1900, passed Senate Bill 68 which specifically identified a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School in the grant of the Fort Hays Military Reservation to the State of Kansas; and President William McKinley signed Senate Bill 68 on March 28, 1900; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Hays Military Reservation was accepted by the Kansas Legislature through House Joint Resolution No. 1 on February 7, 1901; and Senate Bill 511, which was approved by Governor W.E. Stanley on February 26, 1901, established a branch of the State Normal School on the Fort Hays Military Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Western Branch of the Kansas State Normal School held its first classes on June 23, 1902; and

WHEREAS, The Western Branch of the Kansas State Normal School was given a new name as Fort Hays Kansas Normal School on March 6, 1914, in recognition of its independent status as a normal school; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 1923, the Kansas Legislature approved a name change to Kansas State Teachers College of Hays and thus changed the mission of the college from being a normal school to a teachers college; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature approved a name change to Fort Hays Kansas State College on March 11, 1931, in recognition of the constantly expanding functions and expanded mission in western Kansas and in recognition of its changing role to a liberal arts college; and

WHEREAS, In 1977 the Kansas Legislature approved a name change to Fort Hays State University in recognition of the university's high quality academic stature, multiple functions, changing mission, and ever expanding role in the state, region, and nation as a university level institution; and

WHEREAS, Fort Hays State University has continued to have its mission expanded in order to serve its constituents, has become known for

1 its high quality academic programs and athletics, and is known throughout
2 the state, nation, and internationally for its future vision of higher edu-
3 cation programs and planning: Now, therefore,

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
5 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we congratulate and commend Fort
6 Hays State University upon the 100th anniversary of its authorization by
7 the State of Kansas and for the excellence in higher education which it
8 has provided for the citizens of Kansas.

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