

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6009

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Pittsburg State University on its centennial year.

WHEREAS, On February 21, 1903, Kansas Governor Willis J. Bailey signed Senate Bill 234 that established a Manual Training Normal School in Pittsburg as an auxiliary to the Normal School in Emporia; and

WHEREAS, The institution opened its doors with 54 students in 1903, with the purpose of preparing teachers of the industrial and domestic arts; during the course of the last 100 years the institution has undergone four name changes, each reflecting the growth of the institution's mission and enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburg State University now offers more than 100 outstanding undergraduate and graduate programs in the Arts and Sciences, Education, Business and Technology; and

WHEREAS, The University has experienced periods of significant enrollment growth and today has more than 6,750 students with 97% of those taking classes on the campus in Pittsburg; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburg State University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and has many individual academic programs that have earned prestigious accreditation from state and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburg State University intercollegiate athletic teams, the Gorillas, have earned regional and national recognition for their accomplishments in both academic and athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburg State University serves as a cultural center for the region, provides significant support for economic development activities in the region and state, and its faculty, staff and students are involved in numerous outreach and service activities for the communities of Southeast Kansas, the state of Kansas and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburg State University has more than 22,000 alumni living in the state of Kansas and more than 50,000 worldwide who contribute to the betterment of society in many significant ways; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburg State University is joining with its many constituents to celebrate its centennial and pay tribute to the University's rich legacy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Pittsburg State University upon the university's 100 years of outstanding service to higher education and the people of Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6009 was sponsored by Representative R. J. Wilson.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*