

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1813

A RESOLUTION in celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

WHEREAS, February 14 is traditionally celebrated in the United States as St. Valentine's Day, an occasion on which we remember those we hold dear, including the family and friends for whom we share an affection, admiration and adoration; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Kansas Senate are deeply indebted to our families and friends whose support makes possible the opportunity to seek public office and to serve the citizens of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Valentine's Day is the ideal occasion for the members of the Kansas Senate to collectively and formally express our appreciation to our Senate spouses and family members, whose support and encouragement enriches our lives and sustains us through the challenges of service in an elective office; and

WHEREAS, With this holiday as the perfect opportunity to acknowledge those who mean so much to the members of the Kansas Senate, we pause to recognize the sacrifices made by our spouses, children, family and friends to accommodate and support our legislative service; and

WHEREAS, St. Valentine's Day gives the Senate the opportunity to recognize the many Kansans whose countless daily acts of concern and expressions of love for each other greatly enrich our communities and enhance the quality of life for those who call this great state home; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the sentiments of the holiday, Kansans should be mindful that the traditional celebration of St. Valentine's Day has a significant positive economic impact on Kansas. For example, Leavenworth, Douglas and Shawnee Counties are home to major manufacturing facilities for Hallmark Cards, Inc., the world's leading producer of St. Valentine's Day greetings and a valued Kansas employer and generous corporate citizen, and Russell Stover, born in Alton, Kansas, and later a resident of Mission Hills, Kansas, founded with his wife, Clara, the Russell Stover Candy Company which continues to craft in Kansas the world's finest boxed chocolates, a popular gift for Valentines around the world: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That in celebration of St. Valentine's Day, we gratefully acknowledge the sacrifices made by our spouses, family and friends in support of our public service and we hereby express our deepest appreciation for all of their selfless acts of support and love that sustain us in times of challenge; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we encourage all Kansans to continue to reach out to one another with love and charity in furtherance of the spirit of St. Valentine and in keeping with the rich traditions of Kansas in which families are valued, strong communities are built by neighbors helping neighbors and a life shared with our loved ones is cherished; and

*Be it further resolved:* That every American on this occasion is encouraged to send a Valentine, preferably one printed in Kansas, and a box of chocolates, preferably one made in Kansas, to someone they love; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the spouse or family of each member of the Kansas Senate in celebration of St. Valentine's Day as an expression of our love and appreciation for all they do for us and our state.

Senate Resolution No. 1813 was sponsored by Senator David Adkins.

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.*