

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1605

By Senator Hensley  
(By request)

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to assist the homeless.

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12 WHEREAS, There continue to be members of our society who are  
13 homeless, either by choice or circumstance, who need assistance in var-  
14 ious ways, both while homeless and in returning to a conventional life-  
15 style; and

16 WHEREAS, Society, either through private organizations or taxpayer  
17 supported programs, provides assistance in feeding, housing and caring  
18 for these destitute individuals, but such activities do not provide them  
19 with a home; and

20 WHEREAS, The cost of providing social services to our citizens con-  
21 tinues to grow and, at this time, the state faces enlarging budget deficits;  
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23 WHEREAS, It is proposed that private families be considered as a  
24 collateral resource for homeless missions in assisting homeless individuals;  
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26 WHEREAS, A family would provide stable housing and emotional  
27 support for one needing such and would provide a strong incentive for  
28 the homeless person to become an active member of society; and

29 WHEREAS, Contacting family members by homeless individuals  
30 might be facilitated by providing them with prepaid calling cards, voice  
31 mail or similar communication devices; and

32 WHEREAS, It is proposed that study be given as to the policies and  
33 procedures needed whereby homeless individuals could be assisted and  
34 the method by which private families could be compensated for providing  
35 assistance: Now, therefore,

36 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*  
37 *resentatives concurring therein:* That the Department of Social and Re-  
38 habilitation Services consider the efficacy of this proposal and, if consid-  
39 ered favorably, report to the Governor and Legislature prior to the  
40 commencement of the 2004 legislative session the department's proposal  
41 on this subject; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State provide one en-  
43 rolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation

1 Services and four copies to David Owen, 2113 Wayne Street, Apartment  
2 No. 1, Topeka, Kansas 66611.

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