

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1828

A RESOLUTION urging groups and organizations to include in their printed calendars on the date February 22, these words: "34 star flag first flown".

WHEREAS, Lincoln's campaign for the Presidency began in Kansas, December 1859, when he spoke in Elwood, Troy, Doniphan, Atchison, and Leavenworth. To these five focus groups in Kansas, he gave all or part of his address later given on February 27, 1860, in New York City at Cooper Union. Historians acknowledge the Cooper Union presentation won Lincoln the Republican nomination and the White House; and

WHEREAS, On January 29, 1861, Kansas became the 34th state in the union. A 34 star flag was lifted toward the heavens for the first time above the roof of Independence Hall in Philadelphia on February 22, 1861, Washington's birthday; and

WHEREAS, The lines lifting the flag skyward were pulled by Abraham Lincoln at 6:00 o'clock in the morning as he was on his way to be inaugurated President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln would not cancel this ceremony raising the 34 star flag for the first time because of his love for Kansas, even when his bodyguards insisted he not risk his life in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, This historic event was recorded on the front page of HARPER'S WEEKLY dated March 9, 1861: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That this body urges groups and organizations to include every year in their printed calendars on the date February 22, these words: "34 star flag first flown"; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Reverend Richard Taylor, 4831 S.E. 61st Street, Berryton, KS 66409.

Senate Resolution No. 1828 was sponsored by Senators Stephen Morris and Anthony Hensley.

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.*