

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6016

A RESOLUTION in memory of Ruth Luzzati.

WHEREAS, Ruth Elwood Luzzati died December 24, 2006 in Wichita at age 84; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Luzzati represented the 84th House District as a Democrat from 1972 to 1986. She became the second woman to represent Sedgwick County in the Kansas Legislature and eventually became the first woman appointed to the House Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Luzzati was born in Omaha, Nebraska and attended the University of California Los Angeles before moving to Wichita around 1961; and

WHEREAS, Among the bills sponsored by Ms. Luzzati, was legislation creating the state's displaced homemaker centers which helped secure employment and housing for women who were widowed, divorced, or whose husbands were disabled. Ms. Luzzati was also instrumental in passing legislation that prevented utility companies from passing on the costs of construction to consumers by raising rates; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work as a legislator, Ms. Luzzati devoted her time and efforts to working closely with the League of Women Voters, Wichita Urban League, Planned Parenthood of South Central Kansas, as well as many other organizations. In 1986, Ms. Luzzati was named "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Equality Coalition: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Ruth Elwood Luzzati for the public service she gave to her city and state, and extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

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.*