

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6016

A RESOLUTION in memory of John J. Conard, Sr.

WHEREAS, John J. Conard, Sr. was born on June 30, 1921, in Coolidge, Kansas to Joseph Harvey and Jessie Shanstrom Conard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard attended the University of Kansas in 1939 as a Summerfield Scholar and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism in 1943; and

WHEREAS, While at the University of Kansas, Mr. Conard was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, Pi Sigma Alpha honoraries, as well as the Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard married Virginia Powell on September 13, 1947, and they raised four children: James P., Spencer D., Violet and John J. Conard, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from the University of Kansas, Mr. Conard entered a naval flight training program and served as a flight instructor at the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, Mr. Conard returned to the University of Kansas and earned a Master of Arts degree in political science, where he was an instructor while he completed his degree requirements; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Conard received a rotary foundation scholarship for doctoral studies in international law at the Sorbonne University of Paris, and completed his doctorate in 1951, graduating with the highest honors; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Mr. Conard served as chief of staff to U.S. Senator James B. Pearson in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard served as an elected state representative for 10 years from 1959 through 1968, and was the Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives during his final term from 1967 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard became the Director of University Relations at the University of Kansas in 1970, and later was an assistant to three chancellors at the university; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Mr. Conard served as chief of staff and executive assistant to Governor Robert Bennett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard became the executive director of the Kansas Board of Regents, a position he held from 1976 until his retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard was involved in several post-retirement activities, including service as the vice-president of the Higher Education Assistance Foundation, president of the Higher Education Loan Program for Kansas and Senate liaison for Governor Mike Hayden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conard died on Friday, October 12, 2007, at the age of 86, in his home in Lawrence, Kansas, and funeral services were held for him at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence on October 15, and graveside services with military honors were held on October 16 at the Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg, Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we honor John J. Conard, Sr. for the public service he gave to the state, and extend our deepest sympathy to his 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.*