

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6019

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission was created to organize the Kansas portion of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the year Lewis & Clark set out to explore the Louisiana Purchase; and

WHEREAS, The Commission purchased from the national Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation a curriculum and resource guide for middle and high school students for each school district in Kansas. The Commission's education subcommittee correlated the guide to Kansas educational standards and developed 10 additional Kansas-specific curriculums; and

WHEREAS, The Commission also created a *Lewis & Clark in Kansas* interactive DVD, *Lewis & Clark Traveling Resource Trunks* and sponsored *Main Street USA - Lewis & Clark* for more than 25,000 Kansas students; and

WHEREAS, The *Kansas Native American* resource handbook created by the Commission's Native Cultures subcommittee has been a model publication, copied by many other Lewis & Clark Trail states. It is in its third printing, has been distributed at national events in 15 states and is used by the National Park Service in its traveling exhibit *Corps of Discovery II*; and

WHEREAS, The Commission received a grant of \$135,000 from the National Park Service to develop a series of symposiums focusing on the importance of diplomatic relations between governments and tribal nations. The symposiums have been held in 11 states and the information gathered will be archived in a prominent archival institution; and

WHEREAS, More than 197,000 visitors attended the national signature event *A Journey Fourth*, in northeast Kansas from June 26 to July 3, 2004 to commemorate the beginning of the historic journey. In September 2006, successful local Bicentennial events were held in Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City to honor the return of the Lewis & Clark Expedition through what is now Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Commission installed 21 interpretive signs, open-air pavilions, interactive touch screens, brochures and directional signs along the Kansas portion of the Lewis & Clark Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Commission maximized a \$238,000 state legislative appropriation into \$10,000,000 in legacy projects for Kansas since the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, The Commission and the local communities won several awards for their outstanding work including the Governor's Tourism Award from Governor Kathleen Sebelius: Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Kansas Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission for their outstanding work in making this important event happen and for gaining national recognition for the State of Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6019 was sponsored by Representative Jerry Henry.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.