

## SENATE BILL No. 667

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT designating wheat as the official crop of Kansas.

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11 WHEREAS, Throughout the nation, Kansas is commonly referred to  
12 as the “Wheat State” and the “Breadbasket of the World”; and

13 WHEREAS, Wheat was first brought to Kansas by German Mennon-  
14 ite immigrants in 1839 and quickly became the most important crop in  
15 the state; and

16 WHEREAS, The hardiness of wheat has allowed the crop to endure  
17 harsh Kansas winters, late frosts of spring, hot summers and unanticipated  
18 droughts, and continued improvements by breeding and modern tech-  
19 nology have made Kansas the number one producer of wheat in the na-  
20 tion; and

21 WHEREAS, Ten million acres of Kansas land are dedicated to wheat  
22 production annually and more than one-third of Kansas’ 63,000-plus  
23 farmers grow wheat, contributing more than one billion dollars to the  
24 state economy annually; and

25 WHEREAS, Kansas wheat grain and flour exports total \$774 million  
26 annually, providing an average of \$22,000 income for each of the state’s  
27 growers; and

28 WHEREAS, Kansas wheat accounted for nearly 62% of all non-emer-  
29 gency food shipments from the United States, providing aid to people  
30 throughout the world who are suffering from hunger: Now, therefore,  
31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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33 Section 1. Wheat is hereby designated and declared to be the official  
34 crop of the state of Kansas.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
36 publication in the statute book.