

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1827

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the city of Kincaid, Kansas, on the 100th Anniversary of the Kincaid Free Fair.

WHEREAS, In 1904, the first “Farmers’ Institute” was held in Kincaid, Kansas, when the State College extension service in Manhattan, Kansas, sent a lecturer to speak on farm subjects. In 1905, in addition to the lecture, several farmers brought buckets of grain and fruit to display in a local office and interest grew over the next two years. In 1908, city leaders, believing a full blown fair was warranted, built a new city hall especially for the exhibits and chose the slogan “Bigger and Better Than Ever.” With the exception of two years during World War II, the Kincaid Free Fair has been held every year since; and

WHEREAS, In the early years, the Kincaid Free Fair was a time for local citizens to show off the results of their farming, gardening and handicraft skills with displays of baked and canned goods, quilting and crafts, flowers and farm and garden produce; and

WHEREAS, As popularity of the Kincaid Free Fair increased, more events were added including a queen selected by popular vote, a parade, concessions, horse and pony pulls, horseshoe pitching contests, and turtle and children’s races. Toby’s Carnival midway has been a favorite for more than 40 years. Once there were 23 wagon loads of corn in the parade and on another occasion a couple actually had a street wedding during the fair; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, due to continued growth of the Kincaid Free Fair, a new building was erected on the site of the old VanBuskirk and Booher hardware store; and

WHEREAS, This year’s Kincaid Free Fair president, Clyde Durst, and vice president, Wes Pinneo, are heading a group of more than 25 citizens to plan the centennial celebration. Ideas being considered to make the event special include arranging a commemorative stamp cancellation at the Kincaid Post Office, expanded games for the children and adults, additional exhibit space, a longer parade and a fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, The Kincaid Free Fair draws crowds not only from the southeast area of Anderson County, but also many former residents who make it an annual homecoming; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the city of Kincaid, Kansas, on the 100th anniversary of the Kincaid Free Fair and for continuing a beloved tradition in Anderson County; further, we congratulate and commend Clyde Durst, Wes Pinneo and the citizens of Kincaid for ensuring that this year’s fair will be “Bigger and Better Than Ever”; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Derek Schmidt for presentation to the citizens of Kincaid, Kansas.

Senate Resolution No. 1827 was sponsored by Senator Derek Schmidt.

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.*