

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1868

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th anniversary of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal.

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1932, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Governor of New York, was nominated as the presidential candidate of the Democratic Party at a time the country was suffering from the Great Depression. In his acceptance speech, he told the American people, "I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a new deal for the American people." And, Roosevelt won the presidency by a landslide; and

WHEREAS, The New Deal was the title President Roosevelt gave to a sequence of programs he initiated between 1933 and 1938 with the goal of giving relief to the needy, reform of the country's financial system, and recovery of the economy during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, The New Deal Roosevelt had promised began to take shape immediately after his inauguration in March of 1933. The first days of Roosevelt's administration was the "First New Deal" aimed at short-term recovery programs and saw the quick enactment by Congress of the Emergency Banking Act, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA), Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA), Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, Later the "Second New Deal" led to the enactment of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), also known as the Wagner Act, which established stronger collective bargaining rights for labor unions and the Works Progress Administration (WPA), which created hundreds of thousands of low-skilled blue collar jobs for unemployed men and women; and

WHEREAS, The most important program of Roosevelt's New Deal was the Social Security Act, which established a system of universal retirement pensions, unemployment insurance and welfare benefits for low income families; and

WHEREAS, Several New Deal programs still exist under their original names, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), while the largest programs still in existence today are the Social Security System and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); and

WHEREAS, The New Deal programs were a reflection of Franklin Roosevelt's personal and political philosophy that government has an important role in helping people make ends meet and in earning money for the work performed which raises the morale of the working man and woman: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate the 75th anniversary of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of the resolution to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, c/o Cynthia M. Koch, Director, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York 12538.

Senate Resolution No. 1868 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*