

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6031

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Johnson County Community College.

WHEREAS, In 1969, voters approved a \$12.9 million bond issue to buy and build a permanent campus on the present site of Johnson County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Later in 1969, the college was granted correspondent status by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and started classes on September 4 at the temporary campus headquartered at Merriam Elementary School. On September 11, the college announced it could not accept any more students because all classes were filled with an enrollment of 1,380 students. In 1970, construction began on the new campus at College Boulevard and Quivira Road; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the college was fully accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1975. Over the years, JCCC has been granted full accreditation at each review and is now accredited through 2011; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, JCCC entered into a unique agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and built the Industrial Technical Center on campus to house BNSF's national training programs; and

WHEREAS, Today, more than 19,000 credit students and 15,000 continuing education students enroll at JCCC each semester. The campus now holds 20 buildings with full-time faculty and staff of more than 900 and another 1,600 employees working part-time. JCCC offers a full range of undergraduate credit courses consistent with the first two years of most college curricula and has more than 50 one and two-year career and certificate programs to prepare students to enter the job market; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County Community College has become the state's third-largest institution of higher education and remains a board member of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 40 years of JCCC's service to Kansas, it has made a major and long-lasting impact on the education of Kansans and has been a great benefit to the Kansas work force: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Johnson County Community College and that we recognize the many contributions it has made to Kansas.

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.