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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1604

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging the Kansas State Historical Society to develop a plan to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the admission of Kansas to the Union.

WHEREAS, Kansas will celebrate its 150th anniversary of statehood in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Kansas entered the Union as the 34th state when President James Buchanan signed the bill making Kansas a state on January 29, 1861; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln raised the 34-star flag over Independence Hall in Philadelphia on February 22, 1861, to commemorate Kansas' entry into the Union; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has the proud distinction of being founded for the cause of abolition of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Kansas was inhabited long before it became a state and was named for the Kansa Native American tribe; and

WHEREAS, Kansas was at the center of the wagon trails heading west and benefitted from the resulting diverse population that settled and prospered; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has been at the forefront of history in pushing for greater rights for all peoples, and the protection of children; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranchers and farmers established an industry that continues to provide food for the nation; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' innovative spirit has made the state a leader in aviation, education, medicine, science and technology; and

WHEREAS, Kansans have proudly served the country in the military since the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Many notable Kansans have placed the state in the national spotlight, including Charles Curtis, Amelia Earhart, Dwight D. Eisenhower and William Allen White: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Legislature encourages the Kansas State Historical Society to develop a plan for 2011 to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Kansas' admission to the Union to recognize the remarkable 150 years of Kansas history.

Adopted by the House February 16, 2009.

Adopted by the Senate February 5, 2009.
