

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1727

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Kansas state capitol cage elevator and its historical significance for the state.

WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the installation and operation of the Kansas state capitol cage elevator; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature envisioned and appropriated \$35,000 for the construction of the innovation of an elevator in 1923; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that historical items of lasting interest are preserved; and

WHEREAS, There is a particular age for objects to be considered outdated and yet not rare enough to be considered worth of preservation; and

WHEREAS, Every day, school children can be seen closely studying the mechanical operation of the historic cage elevator; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is unique in many ways. This state is the heart of the nation and the crossroads of the continent, born out of a struggle for human freedom; and

WHEREAS, Few can criticize this state for any lag in mechanical advances, as many of the airplanes that operate around the world hail from the plains of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1650 was sponsored by Senator Bill Mulich. This resolution declared the Kansas state capitol cage elevator to be an historic item and requested state officials to preserve it in operating condition; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, the Kansas state capitol cage elevator was showcased in the film Cross of Fire, which narrated the rise and fall of the 1920's Ku Klux Klan leader D.C. Stephenson; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Senate Bill No. 443, sponsored by Senator David Haley and the entirety of the Kansas Senate, designated the Kansas state capitol cage elevator as the official cage elevator for the state of Kansas and enforced that the elevator continue to be maintained in operating condition: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate and honor the historical importance of the Kansas state capitol cage elevator and celebrate its 100th anniversary of operation; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy to the Kansas Historical Society, the Kansas State Architect, the Elevator Safety Advisory Board, Ben Voloch and Senator Haley.

Senate Resolution No. 1727 was sponsored by Senator David Haley.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.