

House Resolution No. 6038

By Representative Lewis

3-17

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Real Men Real Leaders for its dedication
2 and work in providing Kansas youth with leadership education and
3 opportunities.
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5 WHEREAS, Real Men Real Leaders is a nonprofit organization dedicated
6 to teaching leadership skills to boys in grades five through 12. Over
7 the past five years, approximately 250 boys have participated in the
8 program; and

9 WHEREAS, Real Men Real Leaders focuses on leadership,
10 communication, organization and personal management by providing
11 boys with meaningful exposure to community leaders and
12 opportunities across government, private, social and educational
13 sectors; and

14 WHEREAS, Beyond its core curriculum, Real Men Real Leaders offers a
15 robust Outdoor Program centered on fishing, hunting, hiking and other
16 outdoor activities. Through this initiative, more than 80 boys have
17 earned their lifetime hunter safety certification, opening the door for
18 them to participate in hunting activities. In the past year alone, Real
19 Men Real Leaders conducted 35 hunts, with approximately 115 boys
20 participating; and

21 WHEREAS, Real Men Real Leaders provides grade seven participants
22 with an annual leadership trip to the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka,
23 where the participants are able to meet the Governor, visit with
24 legislators and tour the Capitol building. This program has been
25 recognized on both the House of Representatives and Senate floors,
26 giving the boys firsthand exposure to how state laws are made and
27 encouraging them to envision themselves as future leaders who can
28 run for office; and

29 WHEREAS, Servant leadership is a foundational part of Real Men Real
30 Leaders' mission, as demonstrated by the completion of over 2,000
31 hours of community service by the boys last year for numerous events
32 and organizations; and

33 WHEREAS, Most recently, Real Men Real Leaders launched its first girls
34 program, SheLEADS, selecting an inaugural group of 15 girls in
35 grades five and six from a pool of 53 applicants. SheLEADS provides
36 mentorship, community engagement opportunities and hands-on

1 leadership experiences to inspire girls to use their voices and lead with
2 purpose. While this program began with an intentionally small cohort,
3 it anticipates to grow rapidly: Now, therefore,

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
5 That we recognize Real Men Real Leaders for its dedication and work
6 in providing Kansas youth with leadership education and
7 opportunities; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to
10 Representative Lewis.
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