

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6038

A RESOLUTION recognizing Real Men Real Leaders for its dedication and work in providing Kansas youth with leadership education and opportunities.

WHEREAS, Real Men Real Leaders is a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching leadership skills to boys in grades five through 12. Over the past five years, approximately 250 boys have participated in the program; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Most recently, Real Men Real Leaders launched its first girls program, SheLEADS, selecting an inaugural group of 15 girls in grades five and six from a pool of 53 applicants. SheLEADS provides mentorship, community engagement opportunities and hands-on leadership experiences to inspire girls to use their voices and lead with purpose. While this program began with an intentionally small cohort, it anticipates to grow rapidly: Now, therefore,

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

House Resolution No. 6038 was sponsored by Representative Bob Lewis

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.