

HOUSE BILL No. 2694

By Representative Siegfroid

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1 AN ACT concerning the state capitol building; requiring the establishment
2 of an all faiths chapel.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The legislature declares that:

6 (1) Belief in God, prayer and meditation have played a significant
7 part of the history and culture of the United States since its founding;

8 (2) belief in God, prayer and meditation have played a significant role
9 in the history and culture of the state of Kansas since its founding;

10 (3) the historical importance of the right to worship God according to
11 the dictates of one's conscience and of prayer and meditation is reflected in
12 section 7 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas and
13 in the practice of beginning each daily session in the Kansas house of
14 representatives and senate with a prayer; and

15 (4) Kansas has a history of setting aside space in the state capitol for
16 a place of prayer and meditation.

17 (b) The legislative coordinating council shall reestablish an all faiths
18 chapel as a place reserved for prayer and meditation in the state capitol
19 building.

20 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the statute book.

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