

Journal of the House

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Merrick in the chair.

The roll was called with 119 members present.

Rep. Frownfelter was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Clayton, Concannon, Osterman, Peterson and Todd were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Gracious and loving God,
thank you for all you have made us to be,
for your infinite kindness and mercies
which are new every morning.
You have given us so many blessings,
unworthy as we are.
Help us to use these gifts of blessings
to show our gratitude and our awareness
of just how dependent we are on Your grace.
As we endeavor to fulfill our responsibilities,
fill us with the compassion of Jesus, Your Son.
Give us eyes to see the needs of those around us,
in the faces of our neighbors near and dear.
Give us hearts that are moved by the pleas of those
who cry out on behalf of the children,
the jobless, the sick, and the suffering.
Give us hands that are eager to share
what You have entrusted to us.
Give us feet to venture wherever the Spirit leads.
As we resolve to be mindful of the needs of others,
we pray that You instill in us Your kindness and Your mercy.
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Perry.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Hill are spread upon the

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Today we have the opportunity to recognize Kansas Small Business Development Center's emerging and existing 2013 businesses of the year. These sixteen businesses represent economic vitality and human vibrancy and growth potential in the communities they serve. These businesses have achieved major accomplishments: established growing businesses, demonstrated vision, problem solving and exemplary corporate citizenship. Entrepreneurship is one of the most powerful drivers of growth and prosperity in our Kansas economy. It is the primary source of job creation and economic competitiveness. Challenging economic times have proven to be good times to launch a new business. In 2012 there were over 2,000 businesses in Kansas that received KSBDC services including our honorees today. It is the priority of KSBDC to reach as many potential entrepreneurs as possible and provide tools and services for Kansans in all parts of the state. As we face challenging times ahead The entrepreneurial spirit and energy represented by those we recognize today provide a source of encouragement and optimism. The Kansas House of Representatives is pleased to welcome, thank and congratulate these honored guests today!

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Proehl are spread upon the Journal:

I would like to introduce the national wrestling champions from Labette Community College in Parsons who won in 2012 and 2013. They also won in 2005!

They are the 2013 NJCAA National Champions, 2013 NWCA National Dual Meet Champions, 2013 NJCAA West-Central District Champions and 2013 Kansas Cup Champions.

The team members are: Josh Walker, third place (125 pounds); Eric Hughes, sixth place (two-time All-American, 133 pounds); Tyler Davis (141 pounds); Spencer Rutherford, fourth place (149 pounds); Jeromy Davenport, fifth place (two-time All-American, 157 pounds); Devin Aguirre, champion (two-time champion and most outstanding wrestler award at the national tournament); Payne Hatter, fourth place (165 pounds); Cody Johnson, second place (184 pounds); Shelby Krout (197 pounds); and Trey Jack Page (heavyweight). Also, in attendance were Joe Renfro, Head Coach, 2013 National Coach of the Year (second year in a row); Dennis Siegmann, assistant coach; Willie Weber, assistant coach; and Ben McKenzie, head trainer.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2399, AN ACT concerning civil actions; relating to civil action for damages for criminal act; trespass and liability, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2400, AN ACT concerning schools; enacting the corporate education tax credit scholarship program act; providing for educational scholarships; authorizing a tax credit; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 79-32,138 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6017**—

By Representative Christmann

A RESOLUTION designating March 11-17, 2013, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week."

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving. It is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour in the United States someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society reports that MS affects an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide, 400,000 nationwide and over 4,400 Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Often first diagnosed in individuals aged 20-50, attacking them in the prime of their lives, MS is the most common neurological disease leading to disability in young adults; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of MS range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society has been committed to mobilize people throughout Kansas who want to assist those afflicted with MS; and

WHEREAS, "Walk MS" events are scheduled this spring in Emporia, Garden City, Kansas City, Hays, Hiawatha, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Manhattan, Neodesha, Salina, Topeka and Wichita; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we declare March 11-17, 2013, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week." We recognize the importance of moving closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis and express appreciation to the Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society for its work; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Christmann.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Schwab in the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Schwab, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted: Recommended that committee reports to **HB 2182** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2285** be passed.

Committee on **Veterans, Military and Homeland Security** recommends **SB 27** be amended on page 1, in line 21, after "discharge" by inserting "or under honorable conditions (general) discharge"; and the bill be passed as amended.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Speaker Merrick announced the appointment of Rep. Burroughs to replace Rep. Frownfelter on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on March 12.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.

