

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6052

A RESOLUTION commending the Kansas Parent Teacher Association's 100th Anniversary and its century of advocacy and service on behalf of bettering the lives of all children in the realms of education, health and safety.

WHEREAS, The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was founded in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities and a strong advocate for public education; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas PTA was established in 1914 by forward-thinking women and men who were deeply concerned about the welfare of children. Mrs. S. M. Williams, of Kansas City, was Chairwoman of the Committee on Arrangements and was elected the first president of the Kansas State Branch of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent Teacher Association. There were over 500 charter members; and

WHEREAS, The concerns of the Kansas PTA founders were: "Better babies; better mothers for babies; better home surroundings; better schools; better roads to get the children to schools; and closer relations between the parents and the school teachers"; and

WHEREAS, Through advocacy, as well as family and community education, the National PTA and the Kansas PTA established programs and called for legislation that improves our children's lives, such as the creation of kindergarten classes, the implementation of child labor laws, the establishment of hot and healthy school lunch programs and securement of the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, Today's PTA is a network of millions of families, students, teachers, administrators and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas PTA founders represented women of imagination and courage. They had a simple idea, which was to improve the lives and futures of all children. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day and took action to change the world for all children; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the state of Kansas with tens of thousands of members strong, and is the conscience of the state for children and youth issues; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years and continuing today, the members of the Kansas PTA across the state have stayed fast to the ideals of their mission, which are threefold: To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this state: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Kansas PTA and urge all citizens to show their support for the spirit of the PTA legacy to strive for the best interests of children.

House Resolution No. 6052 was sponsored by Representatives Nancy Lusk and Melissa Rooker.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*