

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6048

A RESOLUTION honoring Retired First Sergeant Albert Curley and Retired Master Sergeant Nolan Self for their exceptional dedication and service to the State of Kansas and our country.

WHEREAS, In 1866, Congress created six segregated regiments that were ultimately consolidated into four all-black regiments: the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry. They were sent west where they were assigned to protect settlements and railroad workers, build roads and establish telegraphs. Native American Indians both feared and respected the soldiers and named them “Buffalo Soldiers,” because their hair and fierce fighting spirit reminded them of the revered buffalo; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Soldiers have fought heroically in many major U.S. conflicts, including the Indian Wars, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Albert Curley is a retired Army First Sergeant of the 9th Cavalry Regiment. He began his military career in Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1940, and served in Italy and Japan, and in two tours of duty in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. His awards and decorations include: the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Good Conduct Medal. In March of 1969, after 28 years in the Army, he retired at Fort Riley, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Nolan Self is a retired Army Master Sergeant of the 10th Cavalry Regiment. He served five campaigns during World War II. He was stationed at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley and later moved to Junction City when he retired from the military, after 17 years of service; and

WHEREAS, On January 18, 2016, during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City, Kansas, the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers were honored, and Retired First Sergeant Albert Curley and Retired Master Sergeant Nolan Self were recognized for their work: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the Kansas House of Representatives honors Buffalo Soldiers Retired First Sergeant Albert Curley and Retired Master Sergeant Nolan Self for their exceptional dedication and service to the State of Kansas and our country. Thank you for protecting us and for your lifelong contributions to the United States Army, Fort Riley and Junction City. We know that you and your comrades have sacrificed so much for your country, and have served to protect the freedom and security of the United States of America.

House Resolution No. 6048 was sponsored by Representative Lonnie Clark.

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.