

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6017

A RESOLUTION recognizing after-school programs in Kansas and the increased exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) they provide to K-12 youth.

WHEREAS, More than 70,000 youth who attend an after-school program in Kansas are participating in project-based learning and apprenticeships that allow them to improve their 21st century skills; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that after-school programs help students perform better in school, improve work habits, elevate graduation rates, reduce juvenile crime and prepare students for in-demand careers, like those in STEM fields, which are expected to grow by 13% between 2012 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Through after-school programs, students engage in enriching experiences that foster leadership, collaboration and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, For every one student enrolled in an after-school program, two are waiting to get into a program, and this ratio increases in rural areas to three students who are waiting to get into an after-school program; and

WHEREAS, Learning in after-school settings is often enhanced by an environment that supports personal attention from caring adults, positive peer groups, activities that youth find interesting, and building self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, These after-school programs provide healthy snacks and, sometimes, a meal accompanied by a health and nutrition lesson; and

WHEREAS, The combination of homework help, STEM or other hands-on enrichment activities, physical fitness opportunities, a snack, and dedicated, caring adults make after-school programs successful: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize after-school programs in Kansas and the increased exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) they provide to K-12 youth.

House Resolution No. 6017 was sponsored by Representative John Wilson.

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.