

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1726

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Srinivas Kuchibhotla, Alok Madasani, Ian Grillot and Sam Goodrich for their unwavering love for the United States of America.

WHEREAS, The love for all people exhibited by Srinivas Kuchibhotla, Alok Madasani, Ian Grillot and Sam Goodrich, and their hope for peace, their courage to do right and their unrelenting passion for the American Dream, prevailed on February 22, 2017, against a notoriously evil deed; and

WHEREAS, The senseless taking of a good man's life, the wounding of two others and the egregious violation of peace and tranquility of a community was met with love, hope for peace, a desire to join together for healing and a renewed desire to fight for a better world; and

WHEREAS, The tragic taking of Srinivas Kuchibhotla's life, a Garmin aviation engineer from Telangana, India, from his loving wife, family and friends leaves a family, community and nation in anguish and mourning; and

WHEREAS, Despite the injuries inflicted upon Alok Madasani, Srinivas' friend and professional colleague, Alok called the shooting "an isolated incident that doesn't reflect the true spirit of Kansas, the Midwest and the United States"; and

WHEREAS, Olathe Mayor Mike Copeland declared that, "We will not let one act of evil separate us or divide us"; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is grateful for the respect and appreciation these two men and the entire Indian-American community have shown by seizing the opportunity to contribute, enrich and thrive in the land and culture they now call home; and

WHEREAS, The Indian-American community these men represent has contributed to the local economy, student academic success, and has introduced to the City of Olathe the great game of cricket; and

WHEREAS, Every Kansan stands in awe of Ian Grillot, the 24-year-old Marine veteran, lover of outdoors, 2010 graduate of Olathe North High School, and a true hero, who, guided by his faith, faced gunfire to defend his fellow citizens from a treacherous and violent act of pure evil; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Kansas Senate call for all Kansans to offer prayer and support for the Kuchibhotla, Madasani and Grillot families for their loss and suffering; and

WHEREAS, We would be remiss to not mention Sam Goodrich, the Clinton, Missouri, Applebee's bartender, whose courage and presence of mind led to the quick resolution of one of the most evil and tragic episodes in Kansas history; and

WHEREAS, When pure evil attacked the peace of the people of the City of Olathe and all that is held sacred to its citizens, a Marine veteran risked his life to protect people from a senseless act of violence, a man cared for his critically injured friend, a bartender did the right thing and the law enforcement community acted quickly to do their jobs, demonstrating to all what the City of Olathe, the State of Kansas and the United States of America are all about: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor and revere the many impacted by this tragedy, extend our prayers and sympathies for their collective loss and commend their demonstration of courage, love and hope for peace during such a tumultuous time; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Olson.

Senate Resolution No. 1726 was sponsored by Senator Rob Olson.

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*