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Thank you for your consideration.

Testimony in Support for House Bill 2712 Establishing the Kansas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial

1976 was the Bicentennial of the United States and as a third grader in Mrs. Talcott's class at Gardner Elementary School it made an impression on me that I still remember to this day. The ideals that American Patriots established when forming the United States that include liberty and freedoms given to the citizenship are still unique and precious today. I love that America has fought for expanded definitions of this truth, in fact, we still see this today.

My ancestors came to Kansas before statehood some in 1855 and others even earlier. I think of Jerusha Sprague Cowan moving to southeast Kansas to be a pioneer in her 50's and her story inspires me. Kansas has such a wonderful history of living out what America stands for – freedom, humanity, liberty and the ability to fight for these qualities for our citizenship. I am always proud of our state and how on so many issues we lead the rest of the union on the right side of history! I encourage you to pass this bill so that other third graders will be inspired and really pumped up to be a Kansan and an American!

Please support this effort started with The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, which is a non-political organization so that others can learn and celebrate the good in our history along with the truth about just how unique our system of government is and the good it brings around the world.

Kind Regards,

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