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To Chairman Olson and the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

I am writing in support of SB 179 which I introduced per request of the Leavenworth Historical Society. SB 179 seeks to designate February 15 as Susan B. Anthony Day in the state of Kansas. This isn't creating a holiday, so has no impact on state agencies, and is merely a designation.

I want to thank the Committee for hearing SB 179 this year. It is an important bill that formally recognizes the historic female role model that Susan B. Anthony was and her impact on Kansas. In her lifetime, Anthony had established a meaningful connection with Leavenworth by campaigning, despite significant financial and physical hardship, for an amendment which sought to give women and African American men the right to vote. Anthony was joined by her brother, a long-time resident of Leavenworth, who helped her further the abolitionist cause they espoused.

Their efforts culminated in Kansas becoming the eighth state in the United States to grant women the right to vote, leaving behind a legacy so prominent that my daughter's school in Leavenworth is named after the Anthony family.

Therefore, I rise in support of SB 179, and urge you to at least skim the many letters of proponent testimony, and to swiftly pass it out of the committee.

Thank you.

State Senator Jeff Pittman
Leavenworth KS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.