

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1718**

**A RESOLUTION designating April 7, 2021, as Joey Weber Remembrance Day to honor Joey Weber's life and those who dedicate their lives to working with persons diagnosed with cognitive disabilities throughout Kansas.**

**WHEREAS, On August 18, 2016, Joey Weber had a fatal encounter with a police officer in Hays, Kansas; and**

**WHEREAS, Joey was a lifelong Kansan who had been diagnosed with autism; and**

**WHEREAS, John and Nancy Weber chose to honor the tragic death of their son by advocating for the protection of those diagnosed with cognitive disabilities; and**

**WHEREAS, The Webers' advocacy resulted in the passage of Joey's Law, which helps law enforcement to be better equipped with the ability to handle encounters with Kansans with cognitive disabilities; and**

**WHEREAS, The Webers continue to honor the memory of their son by establishing the Joey Weber Endowment Fund at the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc.; and**

**WHEREAS, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc., provides numerous programs to enrich the lives of those facing lifelong mental or physical challenges: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we designate April 7, 2021, as Joey Weber Remembrance Day to honor Joey's life and those who dedicate their lives working with persons diagnosed with cognitive disabilities; and***

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

**Senate Resolution No. 1718 was sponsored by Senator Rick Billinger.**

**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.*