

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6021

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 125th anniversary of the Smoky Valley Roller Mills in Lindsborg, Kansas.

WHEREAS, The Smoky Valley Roller Mills served as a vital agricultural and commercial hub to Lindsborg, Kansas, and the surrounding region from 1898 through 1955 under the ownership of Theodore Teichgraeber and subsequently the Hagstrom and Runbeck families; and

WHEREAS, The historic building and original equipment were restored and preserved in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s because of the efforts of numerous volunteers in the Smoky Valley community, and, in particular, the leadership and supervision of Malcolm Esping, Mary Borg and George Tesarek; and

WHEREAS, Because of these community efforts, the Smoky Valley Roller Mills is preserved in working condition today under the ownership of the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, The Smoky Valley Roller Mills continues to provide great value to the Smoky Valley community and Kansas as a historical treasure, community cultural center and a beautiful marvel of engineering and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Valley Roller Mills has been on the National Register of Historic Places for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, The museum board of directors, staff, volunteers and many members of the Smoky Valley community are now working diligently to secure the future of these historic buildings for the next generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 125th anniversary since Smoky Valley Roller Mills was rebuilt anew in 1898, following a fire the previous year, and special celebrations of this significant milestone — including the full mill running again — are planned for the museum's annual Millfest celebration on Saturday, May 6, 2023: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the 125th anniversary of the Smoky Valley Roller Mills in Lindsborg, Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge Kansans to observe the 125th anniversary celebration of the Smoky Valley Roller Mills in Lindsborg, Kansas, on Saturday, May 6, 2023; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge Kansans to learn more about the history and tradition of agriculture, industry and Swedish culture in Lindsborg, the Smoky Valley and all of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge Kansans to consider ways to personally support the continued preservation of the Smoky Valley Roller Mills and the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum.

House Resolution No. 6021 was sponsored by Representative Les Mason.

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.