

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6038

A RESOLUTION recognizing and thanking the Kansas Mission of Mercy volunteers for their continued generosity in providing free dental care to citizens of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Kansas dentists are caring and compassionate people; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic was organized by the Kansas Dental Association (KDA) through the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation (KDCF) with funds from dentists, private foundations and other private sources; and

WHEREAS, The KDCF has held 23 annual Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic events without interruption since its creation in 2002; and

WHEREAS, More than 11,500 volunteers, including 1,000 dentists, have provided over \$23 million in dental care to 32,942 patients in communities throughout Kansas since the first Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic was held in Garden City in February 2003; and

WHEREAS, The most recent Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic was held at Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina, Kansas, on January 12 and 13, 2024, with a total of 503 volunteers, including 85 dentists, 43 dental hygienists and 93 dental assistants, and providing \$666,439 in dental care to 671 patients; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic will continue to provide care around Kansas in the future; and

WHEREAS, The strength, success, vitality and health of Kansas citizens and its communities depend in great measure upon volunteerism and programs motivated by concern and devotion such as the Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and all volunteers; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we thank all the Kansas Mission of Mercy volunteers for their continued generosity in providing free dental care to the citizens of Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6038 was sponsored by Representative Steven Howe

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*