

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1748

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Roy' Ale Foundation for its work to provide mentoring and tutoring services for youth in the Wichita community in honor of Roy' Ale Spencer.

WHEREAS, To honor the memory of her late son, Geneva (Sunny) Smith created the Roy' Ale Foundation to help ensure a safe and bright future for Wichita youth; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's mission is to provide opportunities for youth in an educational setting, using their skills and abilities to become self-sufficient while obtaining their goals; and

WHEREAS, January 21, 2020, marks the one-year anniversary of Roy' Ale Spencer's death; and

WHEREAS, Roy' Ale Spencer's life was cut short at the age of nine when he was accidentally shot with a gun stored in a broken lockbox during a play date at a friend's house; and

WHEREAS, Roy' Ale Spencer was an active, ambitious and loving young man who loved to cheer on his older brother, MarQuay, during football games and spend time with his mother and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, The Roy' Ale Foundation was established to provide the community a welcoming and safe place for local youth to grow; and

WHEREAS, The foundation aims to provide mentoring and role models in an educational setting where each child can strive to reach their dreams, visions and goals; and

WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, the foundation provides services to the community including gun safety classes, GED preparation, K-12 tutoring, resume-building and quiet study areas with wi-fi; and

WHEREAS, The memory of Roy' Ale Spencer will continue to bring awareness and serve as the inspiration for youth empowerment through the Roy' Ale Foundation: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the Roy' Ale Foundation for its work to provide mentoring and tutoring services for youth in the Wichita community in honor of Roy' Ale Spencer; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Faust-Goudeau, Geneva (Sunny) Smith, Chelle Reed, MarQuay Smith and Carolyn Stewart.

Senate Resolution No. 1748 was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.