

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1720**

**A RESOLUTION recognizing the contributions of Kansas Rotarians to our citizens and communities.**

**WHEREAS, It has been proven that people of all ages lead happier, healthier and more purposeful lives when they volunteer their time and talents; and**

**WHEREAS, Americans, and especially Kansans, are noted for their strong community spirit and willingness to help their neighbors; and**

**WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded in 1905 with the motto "Service Above Self" to harness, organize and promote volunteerism, friendship and community improvement; and**

**WHEREAS, There are now 1.4 million Rotarians in almost every country around the world, devoting 47 million hours of service worth over \$850 million per year; and**

**WHEREAS, Rotarians dedicate themselves to promoting peace, fighting disease, helping disadvantaged mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, protecting the environment, ending polio and providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene; and**

**WHEREAS, In Kansas, there are 155 Rotary Clubs with over 4,000 members contributing immeasurable hours of service and funds to our neighbors, communities and citizens around the world; and**

**WHEREAS, Kansas Rotarians spend their volunteer hours fighting human trafficking across Kansas; cleaning our parks, streams and roadways; repairing homes for veterans, the elderly and the disabled; resettling refugees; helping mothers and families nurture and safely raise their children; mentoring students; awarding scholarships; providing water filters, shelter-boxes and hygiene supplies to victims of poverty, war and disaster; stocking food banks; feeding the hungry; hosting foreign exchange students and supporting community events and beautification efforts; and**

**WHEREAS, Rotary clubs are continuously seeking new members to help them expand their initiatives. If an individual is interested, Rotarians welcome and invite them to find their local Rotary club or visit with a Rotarian: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Rotarians across Kansas for their invaluable contributions and all that they have done to make our communities and state thrive and be a better place to work and live; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Reddi.

**Senate Resolution No. 1720 was sponsored by Senator Usha Reddi.**

**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.*