

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1714

**A RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th anniversary of
Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.**

WHEREAS, Kansas State University was established by the Territory of Kansas on February 9, 1858, as the Bluemont Central College Association in response to the state's desire to provide higher education opportunities to farm families and the working class in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, On February 3, 1863, Kansas became one of the first states in the nation to accept the terms and conditions of the federal Morrill Act creating the land-grant system of colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas State Agricultural College, today known as Kansas State University, received Kansas' land-grant charter on February 16, 1863, making it the first operational land-grant institution in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Important technological advancements of the modern world were the result of research at Kansas State University, including: discovering the weather phenomenon El Niño and invention of the snooze alarm and the space pen; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University became the first university to offer printing courses, which led to journalism courses and eventually to the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University helped pioneer the academic teaching of home economics for women, becoming one of the first of two colleges to offer the program of study; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University, by expanding to campuses in Olathe and Salina and with Research and Extension, has a presence state-wide; and

WHEREAS, The university also has international offices in Australia, Vietnam, China and India; and

WHEREAS, Students attending Kansas State University hail from all 50 states and 90 countries; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University is a national leader among public universities in the number of Rhodes, Truman, Marshall, Udall and Goldwater scholars; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University's football team's first game was played on Thanksgiving Day in 1883. The Kansas State University basketball team first played in 1902. Kansas State University intercollegiate athletes compete in the Big XII Conference; and

WHEREAS, More than 200,000 alumni are proud to call Kansas State University their alma mater; graduates include heads of state, leaders of industry, great humanitarians and gifted scientists, whose work has improved the quality of life for people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commend and celebrate the 150th anniversary of Kansas State University at Manhattan. Kansas State University provides students of Kansas with incredible educational opportunities, and we urge all Kansans to celebrate its success; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide five enrolle copies of this resolution to Kansas State University.

Senate Resolution No. 1714 was sponsored by Senator Tom Hawk.

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.