

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1781

A RESOLUTION thanking the Kansas Historical Society for providing key items for display in the Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center.

WHEREAS, By the end of the 20th century, portions of the Kansas State Capitol were in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, A multi-year restoration project began in 1999 to return the Capitol to its original grandeur and preserve it for the next century. On January 29, 2014, Kansas dedicated the newly restored Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The story of Kansas is portrayed in the Capitol through key artifacts, paintings and documents showcasing 15 decades of statehood. The Kansas Historical Society was instrumental in providing these items, now on display in the Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center; and

WHEREAS, Items on display include abolitionist John Brown's sword and a page from the Wyandotte Constitution adopted in 1859, which made Kansas a free state when it entered the Union on January 29, 1861; and

WHEREAS, Also on display are photographs of famous Kansans, the original silk banner of Kansas and a map of the 105 counties of Kansas embedded into the marble floor; and

WHEREAS, As the 13-year restoration work was being completed, items found hidden in the building were also placed on display including: Rubber galoshes from the 1930s, a copper plate and a piece of paper found in the dome, along with construction tools from the original workers; and

WHEREAS, The Capitol dome was also restored during the renovation project, where new copper sheeting was applied. The Kansas Historical Society provided pieces of the copper to local artists, who turned the copper pieces into artwork and jewelry for Kansans to own; and

WHEREAS, The newly renovated Capitol, along with the photographs, paintings, documents and artifacts on display in the Visitor Center, will be enjoyed by all Kansans and will be something to be proud of for generations to come: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we thank the Kansas Historical Society for providing key artifacts, paintings and documents for display in the Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Arpke.

Senate Resolution No. 1781 was sponsored by Senators Arpke, Abrams, Apple, Bowers, Bruce, Denning, Donovan, Faust-Goudeau, Fitzgerald, Francisco, Haley, Hawk, Hensley, Holland, Holmes, Kelly, Kerschen, King, Knox, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Lynn, Masterson, McGinn, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pettey, Pilcher-Cook, Powell, Pyle, V. Schmidt, Shultz, Smith, Tyson, Wagle and Wolf.

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.*