

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1834

A RESOLUTION acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the Kansas Rural Preceptor Program.

WHEREAS, Franklin D. Murphy, M.D., Dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine (1948-51), recognizing the shortage of physicians following World War II and the potential health care delivery crisis it would produce, developed a visionary program. This program exposed fourth year medical students to the real life experiences of rural medicine by working alongside rural physicians in their practices, gaining first hand insight into the challenges and rewards that faced physicians in rural, often remote communities in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, To fund his plan, Dr. Murphy sought support from the Kansas legislature and on February 18, 1949, Governor Frank Carlson signed House Bill No. 9, Rural Health Program for Kansas, into law and with authorization for \$3.8 million in funding, matched students with volunteer physicians in 1951; and

WHEREAS, This landmark legislation provided for major expansion of the University of Kansas Medical Center and put into place a program that became the national model for doctors and health professionals to be trained to alleviate the serious and growing shortage of such personnel in the state; and

WHEREAS, Today, approximately 900 physicians throughout Kansas volunteer their time educating University of Kansas School of Medicine medical students. The effect has been profound with 48% of all School of Medicine graduates choosing to practice in Kansas following their residency training, the highest percentage in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Nurturing the long term relationships between the University of Kansas School of Medicine and the physician preceptors is critical to the School of Medicine successfully achieving its missions of education, research, patient care and service. Of even greater value is the unique opportunity to build a network of physicians, health professionals and educators committed to working together to provide optimum health care delivery for all Kansans; and

WHEREAS, These volunteer preceptors take great pride in their roles as teachers, and the University of Kansas School of Medicine enhances these roles by providing complementary continuing education and greater access to the School's services, such as online access to the medical library, online physician consultations and online discussion groups. These services help erase the large geographic boundaries that limit timely communication and information sharing between the University of Kansas Medical Center faculty, students and the physician preceptors: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate acknowledges the 50th Anniversary of the Kansas Rural Preceptor Program and recognizes that fifty years later the Kansas Rural Preceptor Program continues to make a profound impact on medical education and rural health care in Kansas and around the nation; and

Be it further resolved: That the Senate supports the Kansas Rural Preceptor Program and the University of Kansas School of Medicine's efforts to enhance and improve upon the School's relationship with the preceptors throughout the state.

Senate Resolution No. 1834 was sponsored by Senators Praeger, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steiner, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.