

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6015

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the William Allen White  
Children's Book Award on its 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The William Allen White Children's Book Award was established for the children of Kansas by Ruth Gagliardo in 1952. With the consent of the White family, the award was named for William Allen White, the famous editor of The Emporia Gazette who was an advisor to presidents, a Pulitzer Prize winner and was fondly known as the Sage of Emporia; and

WHEREAS, The award encourages students in grades three to eight to read good literature. The award promotes literacy and the enjoyment of reading and provides opportunities for students to meet and to interact with authors of children's books; and

WHEREAS, The award was the first state award in the nation to be reader selected. The award selection process provides students with practice in the democratic right to vote; and

WHEREAS, The award is sponsored by Emporia State University and is funded by the Trusler Foundation, patrons of the award and Emporia State University; and

WHEREAS, The 50th Anniversary of the William Allen White Children's Book Award is to be celebrated at Emporia on October 5, 2002: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the William Allen White Children's Book Award upon its 50th anniversary and declare that the year 2002 be named "The Year of the William Allen White Children's Book Award."

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*