

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1836

A RESOLUTION naming Chetopa the pecan capital of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Chetopa, which is located on the Neosho River in far southeastern Kansas, is surrounded by 8,500 acres of native pecan trees. These trees form the foundation for a small but thriving industry in Kansas that produces an average of three million pounds of pecans annually. Kansas grown pecans are recognized across the nation for their excellent bright-colored, sweet and oily kernels. Native Kansas pecans yield more perfect pecan halves than any other native pecans grown in the United States. Kansas State University recognizes and supports this local industry by operating a Pecan Research and Extension Center near Chetopa; and

WHEREAS, The streets of Chetopa are lined with pecan trees; in a recent survey, one out of four trees in town was a pecan tree. During the harvest season, every business in town sells locally grown pecans, and two businesses feature locally grown pecans during the entire year. Other businesses crack pecans mechanically or sell equipment for the pecan industry; and

WHEREAS, The community recently celebrated its first annual Pecan Fest. School children designed posters to advertise the event; vendors set up business in the city's Veterans Park; a pecan cookbook was compiled and sold; field trips were organized to show students the importance of the pecan industry; and a Pecan Prince and Princess were crowned by the mayor to cap the events of the day; and

WHEREAS, It is entirely appropriate that Chetopa be named the pecan capital of our state: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the city of Chetopa is named the pecan capital of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide four enrolled copies of this resolution to the Chetopa Community Task Force, P.O. Box 129, Chetopa, Kansas 67336-0129 plus one copy to Senator Umbarger.

Senate Resolution No. 1836 was sponsored by Senator Dwayne Umbarger.

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.*