

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1828

A RESOLUTION encouraging state agencies to use the wild native sunflower in material they produce and distribute.

WHEREAS, On March 12, 1903, the Kansas Legislature designated the wild native sunflower as the official state flower; and

WHEREAS, Bernice C. Heisler wrote, "Standing upright and facing honestly a noonday sun's stern reality, the common sunflower conducts itself most uncommonly", making the wild native sunflower a great symbol for the people of a great state; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State has been loyal to history by printing only the wild native sunflower on material distributed through the years; and

WHEREAS, The wild native sunflower has delicate proportions that make it a classic work of art most pleasing to all who recognize its beauty and want historic honesty; and

WHEREAS, The domestic sunflower was developed to produce a large quantity of seeds which are greatly enjoyed by all who eat them; and

WHEREAS, Fields of green and gold domestic sunflowers produced by Kansas farmers are a joy to see; and

WHEREAS, To produce this large quantity of seeds the domestic sunflower has a large center not in harmony and balance with the short petals surrounding it; and

WHEREAS, It is easy to identify the tastefully proportioned wild native sunflower as the total diameter of the flower consists of $\frac{1}{3}$ left petal, $\frac{1}{3}$ center and $\frac{1}{3}$ right petal; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of the Pioneers sing HOME ON THE RANGE, but they add a verse with words "to the banks of the Red River" which makes their rendition of our state song a counterfeit, as do those who picture the domestic sunflower as our state flower; and

WHEREAS, All Kansans concerned for historic truth want the world to know the wild native sunflower is our official state flower: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we encourage state agencies to use the wild native sunflower in material they produce and distribute; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Administration for appropriate distribution, and a copy to Rev. Richard E. Taylor, Jr., 4831 SE 61st Street, Berryton, KS 66409.

Senate Resolution No. 1828 was sponsored by Senators Lana Oleen and Anthony Hensley.

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.