HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6006

A RESOLUTION remembering the Piatt plane crash.

WHEREAS, Tragedy struck Wichita on January 16, 1965, when a KC-135 tanker from McConnell Air Force Base crashed into Piatt and 20th Streets killing 30 persons, including 7 military personnel and 23 residents; and

WHEREAS, The events of the tragic day united Wichitans in the spirit of helping their fellow citizens, including response teams of emergency workers, medical personnel and ministers and counselors; and

WHEREAS, A local committee of citizens responded by organizing two memorial services, helped with the placement of a monument at the site and, in 2004, requested that the signage at Piatt Park be changed to "Piatt Memorial Park" to better reflect the site's history; and

WHEREAS, The current members of the Piatt Memorial Park Fund Project are seeking support and funding for the building of a memorial monument at the site of the crash to honor and remember the victims: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we remember January 16, 2005, as the 40th anniversary of this tragic event and support completion of the proposed memorial monument; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Carlos Mayans, mayor of the city of Wichita.

House Resolution No. 6006 was sponsored by Representative Faust-Goudeau.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.