

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1863

A RESOLUTION proclaiming and celebrating the 100th anniversary of the city of Lenexa.

WHEREAS, Lenexa, known as the “City of Festivals,” due to the numerous festivals and events it hosts each year, will hold a week-long community celebration between May 5 and May 12, 2007, to mark the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Lenexa was named for Na Nex Se, a highly respected, hard-working Shawnee Indian woman, the daughter-in-law of Chief Black Hoof; and

WHEREAS, Lenexa was platted in 1869 by French-born civil engineer, Octave Chanute, who, in addition to designing the original Hannibal Bridge over the Missouri River in Kansas City, also served as a mentor to the Wright Brothers in their quest for flight; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-eight years later, on May 8, 1907, Lenexa was incorporated as a City of the 3rd Class; and

WHEREAS, In Lenexa’s earliest days, people from various backgrounds and cultures came together to form this great city. With a population of approximately 300, the young city boasted a healthful location, grade schools, three churches, suburban train service, excellent telephone service, and an electric railway station; and

WHEREAS, Lenexa, which has grown to a population of 46,000 residents and enjoys a healthy business base, is considered a city of choice for a variety of high tech and bioscience companies. The city also is looked to as a leader in local government initiatives such as watershed management and public safety: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we proclaim the year 2007 as the city of Lenexa’s 100th anniversary and celebrate Lenexa as a city rich in history, heritage and culture, and with this celebration, honor Lenexa’s past, while looking forward to the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide 20 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Julia Lynn for presentation on the Senate floor to members of the Lenexa city leadership.

Senate Resolution No. 1863 was sponsored by Senators Lynn, Jordan and Allen.

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.*