

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1886

A RESOLUTION proclaiming and celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city of Gardner.

WHEREAS, Gardner was first settled on March 3, 1857, by Jacob Victor by a spring along the Santa Fe Trail on what is now the New Century Air Center, and started a hotel; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Turner, along with several others that followed shortly thereafter, including: John Pearce, Alexander R. Veatch, Arthur Larrick, Ellis Miner, W. J. Ott, George and Rufus Thorne, Amos Fuller, Dr. W. M. Shean and John W. Sponable, all arrived on March 15, 1857, settled among the Native Americans on land that would soon become Gardner Township; and

WHEREAS, In September 1857, the town company was established and the town was platted; and

WHEREAS, The first store, school and stone hotel would be constructed within the first few months of Gardner's existence; and

WHEREAS, At the outbreak of the Civil War, Gardner reported having 103 men of voting age, 83 of whom (80%) served in the U.S. Army and defended against slavery; and

WHEREAS, In 1863, William Quantrill and his band of raiders ran through the town, taking horses and provisions, leaving Gardner intact but proceeding on to "sack" the town of Lawrence, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In the 1870's with the railroads taking over the use of the trails, the settlers came and stayed. The town continued to grow and by 1887, its 30th anniversary, Gardner was incorporated as a City of the 3rd Class. In 2002, Gardner became a City of the 2nd Class: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we do hereby proclaim the year 2007 as the city of Gardner's sesquicentennial year; we celebrate its continued growth, rich legacy, progress and achievements of the city; and we recognize Gardner as a great place to live, work and play; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide two enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Brownlee.

Senate Resolution No. 1886 was sponsored by Senator Karin Brownlee.

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.*