

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1861

A RESOLUTION proclaiming and celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo.

WHEREAS, In 1907, George Pfister organized a group of businessmen, along with C.L. Hollingsworth who owned Forest Park, to establish the Montgomery County Fair Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1908, the first fair was advertised as the Coffeyville Fair and held in Forest Park, and in 1909, the premium list book included the Montgomery County Fair Association Charter along with a membership list; and

WHEREAS, In its early years, the fair featured acts such as Dr. Carver and his Wild West Show, high diving, early aircraft demonstrations, ostrich racing, the evolution of radio doing remote broadcasting and the transformation from wagons to automobiles, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Depression years, the Coffeyville Journal played an important role with other businesses by footing the bill to make the fair free; and

WHEREAS, The fair and rodeo has been a family tradition for residents of Kansas and brings the community together for a celebration of food, fun, entertainment, competition and education, and includes activities such as agricultural exhibits, a bake sale, carnival rides on the fairway, mutton bustin' and stick rodeo for the young, livestock judging, fine arts exhibits, a parade, a tractor pull, lawnmower races, a fairground feed, the ever popular demolition derby, a country and western music show and the PRCA rodeo; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, thousands of volunteer men and women have joined together to make the annual Coffeyville fair and rodeo a success; and

WHEREAS, The Inter-State Fair and Rodeo will celebrate its centennial year in Coffeyville, Kansas, from August 9 through August 16, 2008, at Walter Johnson Park, formerly Forest Park: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Legislature proclaims the year 2008 as the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo's 100th anniversary and honors those who helped shape the direction and future of the community; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to provide 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Dwayne Umbarger for presentation to representatives of the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo.

Senate Resolution No. 1861 was sponsored by Senators Derek Schmidt and 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.*