

House Resolution No. 6014

By Representatives Bethell, Alford, Arpke, Aurand, Ballard, Billinger, Bollier, Boman, Bowers, Brookens, Brown, Bruchman, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Calloway, Carlin, Carlson, Cassidy, Collins, Colloton, Crum, Davis, DeGraaf, Denning, Dillmore, Donohoe, Fawcett, Feuerborn, Finney, Flaharty, Frownfelter, Fund, Garber, D. Gatewood, S. Gatewood, Goico, Gonzalez, Goodman, Gordon, Grange, Grant, Gregory, Grosserode, Hayzlett, Hedke, Henderson, Henry, Hermanson, Hildabrand, Hill, Hineman, Hoffman, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Howell, Huebert, Johnson, Kelley, Kelly, Kerschen, Kiegerl, Kinzer, Kleeb, Knox, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Loganbill, Mah, Mast, McCray-Miller, McLeland, Meier, Meigs, Mesa, Montgomery, Mosier, Moxley, O'Brien, O'Hara, O'Neal, Osterman, Otto, Patton, Pauls, Peck, Peterson, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Prescott, Proehl, Rhoades, Roth, Rubin, Ruiz, Ryckman, Scapa, Schroeder, Schwab, Schwartz, Seiwert, Shultz, Siegfried, Slattery, Sloan, Smith, Spalding, Suellentrop, Swanson, Tietze, Trimmer, Tyson, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Weber, Wetta, Williams, Winn, K. Wolf, B. Wolf, Wolfe Moore and Worley

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1 A RESOLUTION in memory of Richard "Dick" Wellman.
2 WHEREAS, Richard Gale Wellman, 89, of Alden, died on January
3 26, 2011. A former Kansas legislator, he served in the House of
4 Representatives from 1957 to 1961; and
5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman was born on February 25, 1921 in
6 Sterling, Kansas, the son of Edward Chauncey Wellman and Jessie
7 Cochrane Coyle Wellman. He attended Sterling public schools, graduated
8 high school in 1939, and attended Kansas State College, where he was a
9 member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and graduated with a
10 bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1942; and
11 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman served his country during World War II
12 as a member of the U.S. Navy. He served on board the USS Macomb, a
13 destroyer, in the Arctic, North Atlantic, and the Mediterranean and on
14 board the USS Hampton, an attack transport, in the western Pacific, the
15 Philippines and the China Seas. He was honorably discharged with the
16 rank of Lieutenant, junior grade; and
17 WHEREAS, After World War II, Mr. Wellman returned to rural
18 Rice County and spent the next 50 years farming and ranching. Upon his
19 retirement, he wrote two books, "Crazy Over Horses" and "White Elk
20 Speaks"; and
21 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman recognized the importance in
22 preserving the history of Kansas. He was a former director of the Kansas
23 State Historical Society, and a past president of the Native Sons of
24 Kansas and the Rice County Historical Society. He also participated in a

1 World War II veterans oral history project, recounting his stories and
2 experiences for the benefit of future generations of Kansans; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman was active in his community and in
4 various organizations. He served on the Alden school board, and was
5 also a member of Kansas Explorers, the American Legion, the Kanza Car
6 Club and the Hole in the Wall Gang. His membership in the Hole in the
7 Wall Gang was of particular importance to Mr. Wellman. He formed
8 many lifelong relationships with many of the Gang's members and guests
9 as together they embraced the spirit of the old American West; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman married Myrtle Emily Belden on
11 December 20, 1946 and she preceded him in death on September 19,
12 1985. He married JoAnn Schmidt Green on June 22, 1989 and she
13 preceded him in death on April 15, 1998. Mr. Wellman is survived by his
14 children, Emily Wellman, Greg Wellman, Brad Wellman, Alan Wellman,
15 Anne Browne, Jim Green and Tom Green, four grandchildren and five
16 great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman will be remembered for his dedicated
18 service to his country, state and community: Now, therefore,

19 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of*
20 *Kansas:* That we honor Richard G. Wellman for his great work in the
21 House of Representatives and extend our deepest sympathy to his family
22 and friends; and

23 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
24 Representatives shall send eight enrolled copies of this resolution to
25 Representative Bethell.
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