

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1744**

**A RESOLUTION designating April 24 as Ad Astra STEM Day to celebrate scientific achievement across the state of Kansas.**

**WHEREAS, Kansas has a rich history of innovation, both on land and in the air, for growth and development in our state; and**

**WHEREAS, This legacy of excellence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics continues today; and**

**WHEREAS, Kansas is blessed with innovative businesses and industries, quality universities, dedicated educators and curious young minds that nurture the enrichment of knowledge, the economy, our quality of life and global competitiveness; and**

**WHEREAS, Kansans have and will continue to have a global impact in STEM development; and**

**WHEREAS, The state motto, "Ad Astra per Aspera," encourages us to celebrate our potential and is personified by astronaut Steve Hawley, who is a Kansas native and served as a mission specialist for the deployment of the Hubble Space Telescope after its launch from the Discovery space shuttle on April 24, 1990; Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we designate April 24 as Ad Astra STEM Day in Kansas to celebrate the scientific achievements and contributions made by Kansans across the state; and***

***Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Jeanette Steinert, Jodi Spindler, Steve Durst and Senator O'Shea.***

**Senate Resolution No. 1744 was sponsored by Senator Kristen O'Shea.**

**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.*