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H. RES. 180

Congratulating the University of Kansas for 150 years of outstanding service
to the State of Kansas, the United States, and the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas submitted the following resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Kansas for 150 years of
outstanding service to the State of Kansas, the United
States, and the world.

Whereas the University of Kansas was founded in 1865 as
the State university for the State of Kansas, embodying
the values and ideals of the people who fought and died
to ensure Kansas would enter the Union as a free State,
as symbolized by the university's mascot, the Jayhawk;

Whereas, 150 years after its founding, the University of Kan-
sas is home to 28,000 students and 2,800 faculty and the
university graduates more than 6,700 individuals each
year who join the ranks of the 338,240 Jayhawk alumni
living throughout Kansas, the United States, and the
world;

Whereas the University of Kansas has been a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities since 1909;

Whereas the University of Kansas has been open to all genders and races since its founding and the university's first valedictorian was Flora Richardson in 1873;

Whereas the University of Kansas has 13 schools and offers more than 600 degree programs and students come from all 50 States and 105 countries to study at the university;

Whereas the University of Kansas recognizes that the understanding of world cultures is essential for American progress and the university offers more than 40 separate language courses;

Whereas continuing education programs at the University of Kansas include fire and law enforcement training centers that annually train over 5,000 public safety officers across Kansas;

Whereas basketball was first played at the University of Kansas in 1898, coached by James Naismith, the inventor of the game, and the university has one of the most successful programs in the country, winning over 2,150 games and 5 national championships;

Whereas Allen Fieldhouse has hosted the University of Kansas basketball games since 1955 and the building remains one of the most historically significant and prestigious buildings in college athletics;

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt pronounced the university's chant—Rock Chalk Jayhawk—the “greatest college cheer ever devised”;

Whereas the University of Kansas has a long history of working with our Nation's military, is one of only 53 schools to host all three ROTC programs, and works with the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth to produce military and civilian faculty with the advanced degrees necessary to teach at the highest level;

Whereas, in 1917, the first United States officer killed in World War I combat was a University of Kansas Medical Center student;

Whereas research at the University of Kansas provides numerous economic and societal contributions; helium was first isolated in Bailey Hall, located on the main campus of the University of Kansas, and the first time-release capsule was developed by a university professor;

Whereas the Spencer Museum of Art houses an internationally known and diverse collection numbering approximately 38,000 artworks and artifacts in all media;

Whereas the Kenneth Spencer Research Library is home to some of the rarest and most precious volumes and materials in the world, including cuneiform tablets written four millennia ago;

Whereas astronauts, artists, authors, business leaders, Pulitzer Prize winners, a Nobel laureate, and Governors and Senators launched their careers at the University of Kansas, including former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole; and

Whereas the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics offers opportunities for all citizens to discover how they might best serve their communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes that the diverse elements of the
2 University of Kansas are united by the university's
3 mission to educate leaders, build healthy commu-
4 nities, and make discoveries that benefit and im-
5 prove society; and

6 (2) congratulates the University of Kansas for
7 150 years of outstanding service to the State of
8 Kansas, the United States, and the world.

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