

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1748

A RESOLUTION congratulating Kansas City Kansas Community College on its 100th anniversary of serving the educational needs of Wyandotte County and the broader Kansas City region.

WHEREAS, The rich history of Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) began in 1923 when it offered its first classes as part of the Kansas City, Kansas School District in downtown Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, KCKCC expanded its reach by establishing a permanent location on State Avenue, providing a dedicated space for its growing academic programs; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC further strengthened its commitment to career and technical education through its 2008 merger with the Area Vocational Technical School, offering students a wider range of skills training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC's commitment to expanding its reach is further demonstrated by its recent land acquisition in Leavenworth County, paving the way for a new educational facility; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC also continues to be a leader in innovative educational models, exemplified by its ongoing construction of the Kansas City Kansas Community Education, Health and Wellness Center in downtown Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC consistently serves a diverse student body of over 8,000 students annually, 51% of which being from Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC provides a significant positive impact and boosts student success and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, In 2022 alone, Kansas' total educational investment in KCKCC of \$115.5 million returned \$764.9 million in new income, which supports 11,633 jobs in the region: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) on its 100th anniversary; and

Be it further resolved: That we commend KCKCC for its unwavering dedication to providing quality, accessible education and fostering a skilled workforce for the Kansas City region; and

Be it further resolved: That we applaud KCKCC's leadership in creating innovative educational models and its commitment to serving a diverse student population, including its growing Hispanic student body; and

Be it further resolved: That we extend our best wishes for continued success to KCKCC as it embarks on its next chapter of service and innovation; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senators Pettey and Haley.

Senate Resolution No. 1748 was sponsored by Senators Pettey, Haley and Pittman.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.