

House Resolution No. 6014

A RESOLUTION in memory of Richard "Dick" Wellman.

WHEREAS, Richard Gale Wellman, 89, of Alden, died on January 26, 2011. A former Kansas legislator, he served in the House of Representatives from 1957 to 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman was born on February 25, 1921 in Sterling, Kansas, the son of Edward Chauncey Wellman and Jessie Cochrane Coyle Wellman. He attended Sterling public schools, graduated high school in 1939, and attended Kansas State College, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman served his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy. He served on board the USS Macomb, a destroyer, in the Arctic, North Atlantic, and the Mediterranean and on board the USS Hampton, an attack transport, in the western Pacific, the Philippines, and the China Seas. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, Mr. Wellman returned to rural Rice County and spent the next 50 years farming and ranching. Upon his retirement, he wrote two books, "Crazy Over Horses" and "White Elk Speaks"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman recognized the importance in preserving the history of Kansas. He was a former director of the Kansas State Historical Society, and a past president of the Native Sons of Kansas and the Rice County Historical Society. He also participated in a World War II veterans oral history project, recounting his stories and experiences for the benefit of future generations of Kansans; and

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

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

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

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

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*