

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1751

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Armenia-Kansas partnership.

WHEREAS, The National Guard's State Partnership Program has achieved outstanding success in establishing military-to-military relationships focused on security cooperation between the United States and partner countries; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is proud to commemorate the success over the past ten years of the bilateral partnership between Kansas and the Republic of Armenia through the State Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, Kansas continues its deep commitment to supporting security cooperation activities and defense reform toward a more secure and prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas National Guard recognizes the mutual benefit of the partnership, with over 300 military personnel and 70 civilians traveling between Kansas and Armenia since 2003, improving the mutual security and stability for both Armenia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kansas would like to recognize President Serzh Sargsyan and Defense Minister Seyran Ohanyan as examples of leaders of a nation known for its hospitality as well as their support for the vision to expand the Kansas-Armenia relationship to the broader mutual benefit of both nation and state; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is grateful and honors the service and sacrifice of Armenian soldiers and peacekeepers who continue to serve alongside United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Kansas remembers the victims of the Armenian Genocide each year on April 24<sup>th</sup>, which has been designated as Armenia Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, Kansas citizens of Armenian descent have employed wisdom, courage and centuries-old traditions to enrich the character of our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Kansas commits to continuing the enduring special relationship with the Republic of Armenia and seeks opportunities for increased cooperation in the future; and

WHEREAS, Kansas honors the nation of Armenia and Armenians everywhere, and Kansas and the Armenian nation stand together, with an enduring partnership of peace, prosperity, and freedom: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenia-Kansas partnership; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of State of the United States Department of State, the Kansas Congressional Delegation, John A. Heffern, the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, and Tatoul Markarian, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to the United States of America.

Senate Resolution No. 1751 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

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.*