

Journal of the House

SIXTY-FIRST DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Thursday, May 4, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Ryckman in the chair.

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Reps. Carpenter and Holscher were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Chris Davis, pastor, United Presbyterian Church, Phillipsburg, and guest of Rep. Rahjes:

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. We lift up our prayers first in thanksgiving and praise to you. We pray that you will bless all the people of our state - meeting their needs, bringing them comfort, and helping them to find deep joy. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Thank you for calling these women and men to serve our state by offering leadership.

Make them wise.

Make them honest and kind.

Give them courage.

Be with them as they make choices that are challenging and controversial.

Guide them, and be their example.

Show them that all things work together for good for those who love you.

Help them to demonstrate that love is stronger than hate.

That belief in you is stronger than indifference toward you.

That light is stronger than darkness.

God, fill our leaders in this body,

and throughout the other offices of our state and nation with wisdom.

Place a reassuring hand on their shoulders when they make decisions

Let them see with clear eyes, open minds and compassionate hearts and grant to them the desire to serve the people as lovers of truth and justice.

Give them strength, live out their call. Amen.

Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship* (WJK Press) and
The Book of Uncommon Prayer, Steve Case, (Zondervan)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Gartner.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. E. Smith are spread upon the Journal:

Colleagues, today I wish to introduce you to one of the real treasures of rural Kansas; a man who resides in my home community of Burlington, Kansas. His name is Jim Stukey and he is a renowned artist, not only at home, but across this great state and beyond.

James R. Stukey, known by EVERYONE as Jim, has provided so much to my community and in more ways than art. I have known Jim for all of my adult life since first working with him while a high school student at Burlington in the early 80's. Even then, Jim took upon himself to have an active role in assisting and performing with the local school drama groups and helping thousands of kids in my hometown, in Iola, in Emporia, Garnett, Blue Mound, and Fort Scott. He worked with the after school program in my hometown, even starting Burlington's Best Children's Theater in 1999, as a part of that program. He brings stage sets to life, has helped with music, and encourages those who struggle by letting them know everyone has a starting point and a piece of art waiting to be revealed as he gives art classes to community groups and some with special needs. I see the work he does today, continuing in that same mindset he showed us back when I had a little time on stage, and I remember the joy his work brought to our efforts.

Jim's artwork is not just around Burlington, but can be found as over 100 murals in all 5 of the main communities of Coffey County: Burlington, Leroy, Gridley, Lebo, and Waverly. Researching and capturing the history of each community in his artwork, he reminds us all of the legacy a little town in Kansas can carry. He is also known outside of Coffey County with art displayed in the NOTO Art District here in Topeka, and murals in Topeka, Wichita, and Kansas City. He has illustrated a couple of books, including the children's book, "Playground Personalities" by Gail Vermillion and a helpful medical book by Dr. Shekhar Challa called, "Winning the Hepatitis C Battle." His artwork can be found in various settings in Kansas, including pieces he creates for donation for the state fair and fundraising efforts for "Boots and Bling" for the state fair in Hutchinson.

Some of his artwork is on display in the Visitor's Center of this Statehouse today and I encourage you to find a moment to take a glimpse at just a few examples of Kansas genius. There is no doubt in the minds of my community that this man's art and heart touches lives and is a testament to the incredible value of a rural Kansas attitude of humbleness, gratitude, and selflessness.

Joining Jim and I today are our good friend, Gene Mery and his wife Barb who helped to put this together, Jim's dad, Phil and his wife Judy, and Jim's brother Mike and his wife Deborah. We commend you Jim Stukey, for your contribution to our community and this great state of Kansas. Body, please join me in recognizing and congratulating my friend, Jim Stukey!

Rep. E. Smith presented Mr. Stukey with a framed House certificate.

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There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Good are spread upon the Journal:

Sue Givens is a fine product of Kansas public education. She graduated from Midway of Denton High School and earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Emporia State University and Wichita State University, respectively.

She has taught, been a principal, an assistant superintendent or a superintendent in Burlington, Topeka, Stafford, Garden Plain, Pratt, and El Dorado. In her years of education, she has touched lives in many places. And get this, she also coached tennis, volleyball, track, basketball and cheerleading. Oh yes, we love these teachers who can teach and coach.

Sue was my superintendent during the last ten years of my teaching career in El Dorado. She is the most organized boss I have ever worked for. She pushes each teacher to meet their students and parents BEFORE the school year begins. She believes in every child who walks through that school door, and believes they can succeed with determination and dedication.

She visits every classroom in our district once a month...every classroom. I taught my little people her name was Mrs. Super. And I hope to this day when they see her, they still call her by that name. Because you see, she is Mrs. Super to many. She believes in every teacher she has and she motivates us through her words and actions.

Sue has been recognized with many organizational leadership positions as well as a recipient of many awards including: President of the Kansas School Superintendents Association, Kansas Association of Middle School Principals, a Kansas Master Teacher, USA-Kansas Distinguished Service Award, Leadership Kansas Class of 2013, Ingram's "50 Kansans You Should Know" and has recently been named a 2017 Emporia State University Distinguished Alumni. **STINGER UP!**

Sue is active in the community and serves on the board of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, El Dorado Inc., El Dorado Salvation Army, El Dorado Ad Hoc Housing Committee. She is also a faithful member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the El Dorado Rotary Club.

For the past 25 years, she has also served as a volunteer, Board Member, and Producer of the Miss Kansas Pageant. She is married to Senator Bruce Givens and they have one daughter, Megan, who resides in El Dorado with her husband and two daughters.

When Sue came to El Dorado in 2007, our district was beginning its third consecutive year as a Title 1 district "on improvement." Sue involved all levels of her staff, from custodians to principals, in developing system-wide strategies for intervention which resulted in a continued closing of poverty and disability gaps in the El Dorado District.

Today, our district shines in more ways than ever. We continually strive through progress monitoring to achieve academic excellence in all areas. Sue never settles for "good enough." As she explained, "Our calling as public educators is to provide every student with the opportunities to be much more than good enough, instead we must provide the support and resources to develop a desire for excellence. I hope my legacy will be, that I never walked away from that calling, and always had the courage to say what others would not, when things were only good enough."

And so with this, is there any wonder that the Kansas School Superintendents' Association has selected El Dorado Superintendent, Sue Givens, as the 2017 Kansas Superintendent of the Year!!

Rep. Good presented Superintendent Givens with a framed House certificate.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Hineman, pursuant to subsection (k) of Joint Rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering **H Sub for SB 60**.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 60** submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

KYLE HOFFMAN

KENT THOMPSON

SYDNEY CARLIN

Conferees on part of House

DAN KERSCHEN

BUD ESTES

MARCI FRANCISCO

Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Hoffman to adopt the conference committee report on **H Sub for SB 60** to agree to disagree, the motion did not prevail and the bill remains in conference.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Appropriations** recommends **HB 2418** be amended on page 1, in line 25, after the period by inserting "Such clinic may be located on property owned or leased by the state of Kansas."; in line 28, after "thereto" by inserting ", except that the department of administration may consider cost avoidance and return on investment when determining the lowest responsible bidder";

On page 2, in line 2, by striking "physicians" and inserting "healthcare providers"; in line 11, by striking "chiropractic" and inserting "physical medicine"; in line 24, by striking "physicians" and inserting "healthcare providers"; also in line 24, by striking "physician's" and inserting "healthcare provider's"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 5, 2017.

BECKIE HENDRICKS, JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

