

Senate Ag and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Topeka, KS

January 25, 2018

Reference: State Park Bill 18rs2700 as it relates to the designation of the "Little Jerusalem Badlands" in Logan County, KS as a "Kansas State Park"

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to voice my support for State Park Bill ref 18rs2700 as it relates to the inclusion of the "Little Jerusalem Badlands" in Logan County KS as a "Kansas State Park".

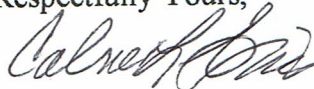
I am very well acquainted with the above referenced property having myself spent many hours either hiking or riding horse back therein in past years. The property has a definite charm about it that I have had the benefit of enjoying and that has drawn a huge amount of interest from the public particularly since the property was recently acquired by The Nature Conservancy with their intent being to allow public access in some form or another?

I have lived and worked in Northwest Kansas all of my life except the 4 years that I served in the US Navy from 1968 thru 1972. I retired from a career in banking in 2006 and my wife Audrey and I continue to enjoy the benefits of living in rural Kansas.

During my tenure as a banker and beyond I served on several state and local boards one of which was The Nature Conservancy Board of Kansas. Serving on this board gave me a considerable amount of insight into the workings of TNC and I have a continuing close association with many of their very capable employees both state and local. I have continued to actively support their local efforts at the Smoky Valley Ranch and I was particularly pleased when they purchased the Little Jerusalem Badlands. I feel that the Little Jerusalem Badlands public access will dovetail nicely into encouraging Western Kansas Exploration on the "Western Kansas Historic Byway".

If your committee should wish to contact me further regarding this great opportunity, I encourage you to contact me at your leisure.

Respectfully Yours,



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