

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1717

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Lottery and the tremendous success it has demonstrated for the citizens of Kansas these past 30 years.

WHEREAS, On November 11, 1986, 64% of Kansas voters said "YES" to establishing a lottery in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The 1987 Kansas Legislature and Governor Mike Hayden enacted the Kansas Lottery Act; and

WHEREAS, On November 12, 1987, the Kansas Lottery sold the first ticket of its first instant game, Up and Away; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Lottery is to produce the maximum amount of revenue possible for the State of Kansas while ensuring the integrity of all games; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Lottery's purpose is to provide fun and exciting entertainment that allows players to dream about what they would do if they won; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Lottery provides support for the State of Kansas by generating revenue for economic development, veterans' programs, prison construction, juvenile detention facility construction and the state general fund; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Lottery has generated more than \$5.4 billion in total sales during the last 30 years, including more than \$1.6 billion transferred to the State. Kansas Lottery players have won \$3 billion in prizes, while Kansas Lottery retailers have earned \$309 million in commissions and bonuses; and

WHEREAS, Much of the Kansas Lottery's success can be attributed to new and innovative ideas, including interactive instant games, lottery best practices, such as higher-price-point tickets, enhanced dispensers, a players' loyalty program and research-based strategies, as well as promotional partnerships, such as with the Kansas Speedway, Country Stampede and the Kansas State Fair; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Expanded Lottery Act was enacted in 2007, which authorizes the Kansas Lottery to own and operate casino gaming in four "gaming zones." Total revenue to the State from expanded gaming has exceeded \$420 million, which is to be used for purposes designated by the Kansas Legislature, including the reduction of state debt: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the Kansas Lottery and the tremendous success it has demonstrated for the citizens of Kansas these past 30 years; and

Be it further resolved: That we encourage the Kansas Lottery to continue seeking new and innovative ways to increase its sales in a responsible way that will continue to benefit the State of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Longbine.

Senate Resolution No. 1717 was sponsored by Senator Jeff Longbine.

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.