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Chairman Olson, what a great honor it is to be here in the Capitol of our great state of Kansas. Vice chair Hilderbrand, and everyone on this committee, thank you for this incredible opportunity of a lifetime - that I will never forget.

I am Hannah Huffman, here on behalf of the fourth grade at Sabetha Elementary School. I am a proponent for passing House Bill #2644 for the Sandhill Plum to be the official State fruit of Kansas.

I would like to share a couple of reasons to support my belief. My first, and favorite fact, is that the Sandhill plum is native to Kansas. You can see them alongside the road in every region of our state. Much like the people of Kansas, the Sandhill plum is resilient, thriving in many different types of environments.

My second fact is the sandhill plum can be made into many tasty treats. Including jellies, jams, pies, and many more confections. It is very versatile.

The Sandhill plum is also reliable, producing a harvest every year!

The three characteristics I have shared with you are resilience, reliability, and versatility. These three attributes are found in the heart of every Kansan. This is why I think you should vote YES on bill #2644.

My fellow classmates and I have learned how much work and dedication it takes to deliver a proposed bill through a political process. Though we are young, you have allowed us to have a voice. It is my hope that we will not forget that even though we are young we can make a difference. May we always strive to improve our great state!