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House Resolution No. 6024

By Representatives Johnson, Barrett, Bloom, Bohi, Buehler, Butler, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Goddard, Helwig, Hoffman, Humphries, James, McDonald, Melton, Neelly, Poetter Parshall, Poskin, Rahjes, Sanders, Schwertfeger, Tarwater, Turk and Wilborn

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A RESOLUTION urging the Kansas Turnpike Authority to waive tolls for vehicles displaying Kansas special license plates related to injury, loss of life or valor in active military service.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA), under statutory authority of the State of Kansas, has operated 236 centerline miles of interstate highway, six service areas and 22 interchanges for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has authority to amend statutes related to the Turnpike and thus modify the structure and operating activities of the Turnpike. These statutes are K.S.A 68-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, Following a multi-year effort completed on July 1, 2024, KTA has collected tolls by utilizing an automated cashless tolling system that either uses a compatible transponder-based tolls or operates through vehicle registration image-based tolls; and

WHEREAS, For the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025, KTA reported a 13.8% toll revenue increase year-over-year, totaling $162 million, and a net position of assets over liabilities of $967.8 million. Image-based tolling adjustments comprised $17.7 million and were written off as uncollectible, comprising a toll revenue loss of 10.9%; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Senate Bill 64 instituted a toll exemption for certain service-connected veterans on November 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, California law AB 2949 instituted a toll exemption for qualifying veterans on toll bridges and toll facilities; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, Texas has waived tolls for eligible veterans on many toll roads: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we urge the Kansas Turnpike Authority to provide a tangible form of respect to those in active military service, who have suffered and made sacrifices while defending our Constitution and our national interests; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Turnpike Authority should modify

its toll collection system to waive tolls for personal vehicles and K-Tag holders displaying special license plates issued under the following Kansas statutes: K.S.A 8-161 (disabled veteran); K.S.A 8-177c (prisoner of war); K.S.A 8-177d (gold star mother); K.S.A 8-1,140 (purple heart); K.S.A 8-1,145 (medal of honor); K.S.A 8-1,156(b) (combat medical badge, combat infantry badge, combat action badge, navy/marine corps combat action ribbon, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross, distinguished flying cross, army of occupation medal or navy occupation service medal); K.S.A 8-1,166 (families of the fallen); K.S.A 8-1,204 (silver star); and K.S.A 8-1,205 (bronze star); and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Johnson.