

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5014

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Legislative Women's Caucus.

WHEREAS, A significant number of Kansas state legislators, appointed executive officials, and statewide elected officials in Kansas are women; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 66 percent of women in Kansas are in the labor force - one of the top participation rates in the country; and

WHEREAS, Women in Kansas are much more likely than women nationwide as a whole to have completed high school; and

WHEREAS, Women in Kansas are much less likely than women in the rest of the country to work in managerial or professional occupations; and

WHEREAS, Single women with children are more likely to live in poverty in Kansas than they are nationally; and

WHEREAS, While mortality rates from breast cancer are lower in Kansas than nationally, they are higher for African American women; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranks last in the regional states of Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota, in women's voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has no women's caucus or commission in the state legislature that is specifically targeted to work on these issues on behalf of the women of Kansas; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Kansas legislature recognizes the establishment of the Kansas Legislative Women's Caucus; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Legislative Women's Caucus is established for the purpose of improving the quality of life for women in Kansas.