

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1818

A RESOLUTION in memory of Frances Helene Flynn Koppers.

WHEREAS, Frances Helene Flynn Koppers of Olathe died January 24, 2005 at age 105. She was believed to be the oldest resident of the Olathe community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Koppers was born December 13, 1899, in Humboldt to Emilie and James Flynn. Her father was a doctor of the horse and buggy era. She graduated from Humboldt High School in 1917 and from the University of Kansas in 1921 with a bachelor of arts in education and history. She taught school in Coffeyville, Humboldt and Topeka, Kansas, and in Marshall and Kansas City, Missouri. After moving to Olathe in 1946 she taught second grade at St. Paul's Catholic School for 16 years before retiring in 1971. After her retirement she volunteered at grade schools in Olathe reading to students and was known as a "picture lady"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Koppers was proud of her Kansas heritage and was particularly pleased to proclaim herself a Jayhawk. She seldom missed a KU basketball game whether on TV or the radio and was honored as the oldest alumni present at the KU Gold Medal luncheon in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Koppers was active in church and civic affairs. She was a staunch Republican and was proud of the fact that she voted in every presidential election since 1921. She served as secretary of the Johnson County Chapter of the American Red Cross for many years and as an election volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Her mind was active until the end, and she delighted in being visited by people she had taught in second grade and having her visitors bring their children to see her; and

WHEREAS, She married John F. Koppers on June 9, 1928; he preceded her in death in 1983. They had 3 daughters, 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and Mrs. Koppers was awaiting the birth of her first great-great-grandchild at the time of her death: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the life and memory of this proud and devoted daughter of Kansas and express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Frances Helene Flynn Koppers; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 14 enrolled copies of this resolution to her daughter Judith Janes at 7720 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64114.

Senate Resolution No. 1818 was sponsored by Senator Kay O'Connor.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*