

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1831

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the city of Manhattan and Riley County upon their sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, The city of Manhattan was founded on June 4, 1855, on the edge of the Kansas flint hills at the junction of the Kansas and Blue Rivers. The founders were from several New England states; some came to Kansas on the steamboat Hartford to help make Kansas a free state; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan is home to Kansas State University, a public university which has grown from its founding in 1863 with 52 students to over 23,000 today and one of America's premier educational institutions. Throughout its history Manhattan has been a strong friend and good neighbor to Fort Riley, a United States army post which once was the army's home of the cavalry. Now it is a facility which has grown to over 100,000 acres with a population of several thousand military personnel and their families. On June 1, 1963, Tuttle Creek Lake, a federal flood control project was dedicated creating a recreational lake of some 21,000 acres and becoming a magnet for swimmers, boaters and fishermen; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan has long been a great place to live and was recognized as such in 1952 when it was named an All-American city. The city joined with Riley County in 1971 to form the only city-county consolidated law enforcement agency in the state. The city's passage of a nearly \$3 million quality-of-life bond issue in 1986 emphasized the community's efforts to keep the city a great place to live and to maintain the city's parks; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan continues to be a city of progress:

The American Institute of Baking came to the city in 1978; today the organization attracts approximately 130 resident students per year as well as nearly 3,000 students from all over the world to attend its seminars;

The Manhattan Town Center mall opened in 1987 with 40 stores which now has three department stores creating a downtown anchor and the start of Manhattan becoming a major regional shopping center;

Manhattan points with pride to its superior K through 12 educational system and the community's dedication to producing well educated graduates prepared to reaching their life goals;

Manhattan became a major regional medical center when Memorial and St. Mary Hospitals merged in 1996 to form the Mercy Health Center; and

WHEREAS, The city of Manhattan and Riley County are both celebrating their sesquicentennial this year. All citizens of the city of Manhattan and Riley County are proud to be part of the state of Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the city of Manhattan and Riley County upon their first 150 years as a growing, vibrant Kansas region and extend our best wishes for the future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dave Lewis, Chairperson of the Manhattan/Riley County Celebrate 150 Committee and to Lyle A. Butler, President/CEO, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, 501 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502-6005.

Senate Resolution No. 1831 was sponsored by Senator Roger P. Reitz.

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.