

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1819

By Senator Betts

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9 A RESOLUTION regarding motion pictures.

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11 WHEREAS, Motion pictures increasingly depict shocking, violent and  
12 graphic images; and

13 WHEREAS, Movie theater operators are accountable for the health  
14 and safety of their patrons while viewing movies; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of movie theater operators to in-  
16 form patrons of the possible emotional and physical stress which they may  
17 incur when viewing shocking, violent and graphic material; and

18 WHEREAS, Movie theater operators choosing to offer movies con-  
19 taining shocking, violent and graphic images could be held liable for the  
20 impact these images may have on patrons viewing them on their premises;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, In at least one incident, a patron suffered a heart attack  
23 when viewing the shocking, violent and graphic images in *The Passion of*  
24 *the Christ* and later died; and

25 WHEREAS, Kansas movie theater operators should post a notice in  
26 close proximity to the ticket purchasing window stating which movies  
27 being shown contain shocking, violent and graphic images: Now,  
28 therefore,

29 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That Kansas movie  
30 theater operators in Kansas should recognize the physical and emotional  
31 impacts on patrons viewing shocking, graphic and violent material; and

32 *Be it further resolved:* That Kansas movie theater operators should  
33 meet voluntarily to develop the wording of a notice to advise patrons of  
34 movies which contain shocking, violent and graphic images.