

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1606

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION designating the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to the Kansas City metropolitan area as the KC Animal Health Corridor and recognizing the value and economic benefits of the animal health industry throughout the state of Kansas.

WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature recognizes the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to the Kansas City metropolitan area as the national center of the animal health industry based on the unmatched concentration of animal health and nutrition businesses, educational and research assets, including:

(a) Thirty-seven global or U.S. headquarters and over 120 companies involved in the animal health industry, including four of the 10 largest global animal health companies and one of the five largest animal nutrition companies;

(b) Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, plus two other leading veterinary colleges located within a 300-mile radius of the region;

(c) Kansas State University's \$54 million Biosecurity Research Institute;

(d) the University of Missouri's \$60 million Life Sciences Center and the Swine Research Center;

(e) the national center of the cattle industry. Kansas is second and Missouri is seventh in cattle and calves inventory in the U.S. More than 45% of the fed cattle in the U.S., more than 40% of U.S. hogs and 20% of U.S. beef cows and calves are within 350 miles of the region;

(f) two nationally recognized publishers within the animal health industry producing over 30 prominent trade publications; and

(g) historical roots in the livestock industry and home of many prominent national and international associations within the animal health industry; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature recognizes that retaining and growing existing animal health companies, attracting new animal health companies, increasing animal health research capacity and developing commercialization infrastructure will create quality jobs and wealth for the state: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Kansas legislature officially designates the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to the Kansas City metropolitan area as the KC Animal Health Corridor and recognizes the value and economic benefits of the animal health industry throughout the state of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas legislature will maintain its favorable business environment, enhance economic development incentives to target animal health business development and consider increased support for animal health research and commercialization to foster the continued growth of the animal health industry for the benefit of the Kansas economy, universities, businesses and young people hoping to pursue an animal health career in Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas legislature will work with the state of Kansas and the state of Missouri to develop and pursue a common strategy to grow the animal health industry in the KC Animal Health Corridor; and

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Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Kansas and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted by the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.