

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6015

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to oppose  
10 any attempt to deny workers the fundamental right to a secret ballot  
11 in a union organizing election.

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13 WHEREAS, Kansas has a long and favored tradition of supporting  
14 every worker's right to work; and

15 WHEREAS, The right to a secret ballot in union organizing elections  
16 is a fundamental right for America's workers; and

17 WHEREAS, The rights of workers to be protected from intimidation  
18 and harassment in the workplace is an import right for all Kansans; and

19 WHEREAS, There are those who are proposing to take away from  
20 workers their rights to a secret ballot in organizing elections; and

21 WHEREAS, The loss of this fundamental right for a worker to a secret  
22 ballot and to be free from intimidation and harassment would seriously  
23 damage relations among workers and threaten relations between workers  
24 and management and would be a great detirment to Kansas workers; and

25 WHEREAS, The right to a secret ballot for Kansas' workers is not a  
26 matter of politics but rather one of right and wrong, with diverse voices  
27 on both sides of the political aisle speaking out against denying the right  
28 to a secret ballot; and

29 WHEREAS, Seventy years of labor law, the National Labor Relations  
30 Act of 1935 as amended by the Taft Hartley Act of 1947, has stood the  
31 test of time in achieving a fair balance between the interests of labor and  
32 management in American industry; and

33 WHEREAS, Kansas' workers should not have their right to a secret  
34 ballot removed by dictate of the federal government; and

35 WHEREAS, Kansans believe every worker should continue to have  
36 the right to a federally supervised ballot election when deciding whether  
37 to organize a union; and

38 WHEREAS, Kansans believe secret ballot elections are the corner-  
39 stone of democracy and should be kept for union elections: Now,  
40 therefore,

41 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
42 That the United States Congress shall oppose any attempt to deny Kansas  
43 workers the fundamental right to a secret ballot in a union organizing

1 election or to preempt the state of Kansas the ability to protect the fun-  
2 damental right to a secret ballot for its workers; and  
3 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-  
4 sentatives be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the  
5 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States  
6 House of Representatives and each member of Congress from the State  
7 of Kansas.