

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1841

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating the Ursuline Sisters of Kansas for their 113 years of faith and service.

WHEREAS, The Ursuline order was originally founded by the Roman Catholic Church at Brescia, Italy in the year 1535, primarily for the education of girls and the care of the sick and needy; and

WHEREAS, In 1895 the Ursuline Sisters began their ministry in Miami County, Kansas and have since become an unparalleled charitable and educational force in the City of Paola and eastern Kansas; and

WHEREAS, From 1896 through 1995 the Ursuline Sisters have educated more than 50,000 students in the Ursuline Academy, St. Patrick's School, and Holy Trinity School; and

WHEREAS, In 1941 the Ursuline Sisters opened Camp Ursuline, offering hundreds of boys and girls the opportunity for summer learning, outdoor fun, sports and recreation; and

WHEREAS, In 1966 the Ursuline Sisters donated 5 acres of land and \$25,000 to build a nursing home in Paola that today is known as Medicalodge; and

WHEREAS, In 1969 the Ursuline Sisters donated 34 acres of land and \$50,000 as well as their time, expertise, and spiritual guidance to begin the ministry of Lakemary Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1972 the Ursuline Sisters organized the first Senior Center in Paola; and

WHEREAS, In 1977 the Ursuline Sisters organized and guided the Foster Grandparents Program; and

WHEREAS, In 1985 the Ursuline Sisters sold the Ursuline Auditorium, now home of the Paola Community Center, to the City of Paola for \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, The Ursuline Sisters have established a beautiful and enduring tradition of public service, education and faith that has enriched the communities of eastern Kansas for over 113 years; and

WHEREAS, The Ursuline Sisters seek to continue this tradition in Kansas as well as in their new home in Mount Saint Joseph, Kentucky: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we do hereby recognize and humbly thank the Ursuline Sisters of Kansas for their 113 years of devoted service; and

Be it further resolved: That seven copies of this resolution be furnished to the Ursuline Sisters of Kansas.

Senate Resolution No. 1841 was sponsored by Senator Pat Apple.

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.