

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1842

A RESOLUTION in memory of Jana Mackey and calling all Kansans to carry her torch by serving others.

WHEREAS, Jana Mackey served as an advocate and a devoted civic servant working tirelessly to promote the rights of women, victims of violence and the voices of many often unheard and under-represented individuals; and

WHEREAS, Jana, a 25 year-old law student at the University of Kansas and resident of Lawrence, was well-known throughout Kansas for her work on many women's issues, including the years she spent volunteering to aid victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, her active participation in the Kansas Commission on the Status of Women and her service as one of the youngest lobbyists at the Kansas State Capital for the National Organization for Women; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day, March 8, 2009, is an appropriate day to honor Jana Mackey and the contributions she made to the promotion of women's issues; and

WHEREAS, Jana Mackey was murdered by an ex-boyfriend on July 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, As a victim of an unjust crime, Jana was taken before her time. While we can never replace Jana, we can help her service live on through others. Symbolic of the number of people who attended Jana's funeral, her family and friends have created the *Eleven Hundred Torches* national campaign to honor her by asking hundreds of ordinary citizens to serve others: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That, as part of International Women's Day, we honor Jana Mackey for her tireless advocacy for many women's issues and that we join the *Eleven Hundred Torches* campaign and call on Kansans to set aside time on March 8th to pick up Ms. Mackey's torch by volunteering and making a difference in their communities; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide seven enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Marci Francisco.

Senate Resolution No. 1842 was sponsored by Senators Marci Francisco and Janis K. Lee.

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*