

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

A RESOLUTION congratulating Benedictine College for its 152 years of service to the people of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Benedictine College, located in Atchison, Kansas, is one of the oldest colleges in Kansas, founded in 1858 and it recently celebrated its sesquicentennial; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College was renamed in 1971 as a result of the merger of St. Benedict's College for men founded in 1858 and Mount St. Scholastica College for women founded in 1923; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College, (Mount St. Scholastica College) is the alma mater of 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, Class of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College has achieved the highest undergraduate enrollment in its history at 1, 430 full-time students; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College has brought two national championships back to the state of Kansas, the 1954 and 1967 NAIA National Basketball Championships; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College has been named one of the top Catholic colleges in America by the Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College has been named to the first tier of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College was named a leader in educational excellence in the book, Colleges of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College is one of only 82 colleges nationwide to be named a McGowan Scholar School; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College was named a best buy in faithfulness and affordability by the Center for the Study of Catholic Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, The Benedictine Education Department received an exemplary rating and was nationally recognized by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College is home to the Discovery Program, a dynamic experiential learning program that fosters student research beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Natural science majors at Benedictine College continue on to graduate and professional schools at nearly twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College athletes are consistently honored for their academics and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, The Benedictine College Chamber Singers, a select choir, has traveled to Italy many times, singing from Venice to Rome and performing for the Pope; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine College is one of the few Catholic liberal arts schools in the country to offer an engineering program and multiple engineering majors: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Benedictine College for its outstanding service to the people of Kansas for providing excellence in higher education for over 152 years.

House Resolution No. 6008 was sponsored by Representatives Pat George and Jerry Henry.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*