

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6045

A RESOLUTION designating October as “Agent Orange Recognition Month.”

WHEREAS, With actual military conflict occurring from 1965 to 1973, and U.S. involvement spanning nearly 25 years, the Vietnam War is the longest conflict in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, During a military operation known as “Operation Ranch Hand,” the Federal Government used more than 10.6 million gallons of a potent defoliant known as Agent Orange to destroy dense vegetation used as enemy hideouts; and

WHEREAS, Agent Orange contained a powerful chemical called dioxin, which is extremely toxic to humans; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam era veterans exposed to Agent Orange experience higher instances of cancer, immune system disorders, liver problems and genetic maladies which lead to birth defects in their children and higher rates of sudden infant death syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Many of the Vietnam era veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and continue to suffer from its harmful effects are from the State of Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we designate the month of October as “Agent Orange Recognition Month” to draw awareness to the devastating effects of Agent Orange on Vietnam era veterans in an effort to further the support of these brave individuals and their sacrifices.

House Resolution No. 6045 was sponsored by Representatives Barbara Craft, Melanie Meier, Raj Goyle.

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.*