

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1865

A RESOLUTION memorializing the 75th Anniversary of "Black Sunday," April 14, 1935, during the Dust Bowl in Kansas.

WHEREAS, In the 1930's in Kansas, as well as other states in the Midwest, there occurred a series of devastating dust storms that swept the Plains that became known as the "Dust Bowl"; and

WHEREAS, The worst of these storms took place on April 14, 1935, a day that became known as "Black Sunday," when the sky was completely darkened with a massive, fast-moving cloud of dust that traveled hundreds of miles and left the land, including thousands of acres of farmland, devastated; and

WHEREAS, These dust storms were largely the result of poor irrigation and farming techniques and were aggravated by drought; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Kansas was one of the areas most effected by the Dust Bowl, which caused large numbers of people to migrate West due to the resulting drought and famine; and

WHEREAS, The impact of the Dust Bowl effected the entire nation, and lead to the United States Congress passing the Soil Conservation Act of 1936: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we remember April 14, 1935, known as "Black Sunday," and commemorate the 75th anniversary of this tragic event, which had a significant impact on the State of Kansas and forever changed the way farmers work the land; and that we salute the intestinal fortitude of those Kansas farmers and families who withstood this unprecedented devastating force of nature, vividly described as being of near plague proportion, and vow not now nor ever to allow the people of Kansas to be compelled to forget our fellow Kansans' sacrifices; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send 18 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Haley, two each to be distributed to the Kansas Farm Bureau; Kansas Corn Growers Association; Kansas Association of Wheat Growers; Farm Credit Associations of Kansas; Kansas Agricultural Alliance; Kansas Seed Industry Association; Kansas Livestock Association; Kansas Grain & Feed; and Kansas 4-H; and one enrolled copy to be sent to Senator Haley, whose grandfather, Simon Alexander Haley, taught college-level Agriculture and would reference the Kansas Dust Bowl as an example of survival and perseverance.

Senate Resolution No. 1865 was sponsored by Senator David Haley.

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.*