

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1868

A RESOLUTION honoring Kansas artist Robert Sudlow.

WHEREAS, Robert Sudlow, 90, a nationally recognized Kansas artist died Thursday, March 25, at his home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sudlow was born February 25, 1920, in Holton, the son of Fred and Adria Newton Sudlow. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1942 from the University of Kansas, where he studied under Albert Bloch. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a rescue pilot in World War II and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mr. Sudlow continued his education with a Master of Fine Arts from the California College of Arts and Crafts, studying under the painter Richard Diebenkorn, and later studied at academies in Paris and the University of California at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Mr. Sudlow began teaching drawing and painting at the University of Kansas, where he stayed for 41 years, retiring in 1987 as professor emeritus of art. The paintings that he produced throughout his life have been featured in numerous exhibits in galleries all over the country. His works are part of the permanent collections at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, the Brooklyn Museum in New York, The Joslyn Museum of Art in Omaha, Nebraska, the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Mulvane Museum of Topeka, the Wichita Art Museum, the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University, the Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas and many others. In 2001 he traveled to Lawrence's sister city, Eutin, Germany, for an exhibit of his work as part of a cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, Kansas was the subject matter of Mr. Sudlow's paintings throughout his life. He would paint outside, in the Flint Hills or various other prairie and wooded areas around the eastern part of the state. The impressionistic paintings that he produced captured the Kansas landscape in a way that reflected his reverence for his lifelong home. There have been two books published of his work. The first book was called "Landscapes in Kansas," in 1987, and the second was "Spiritual Journeys: The Art of Robert Sudlow," in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sudlow received several awards throughout his distinguished career, including the first Kansas Governor's Art Award in 1974, and Kansan of the Year from the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sudlow is survived by his wife Barbara Keeler Wolf, daughters Mitzi, Amy, and Gretchen Sudlow, a son, Peter Sudlow, three stepchildren, Felicia Owens, Mindy Small, and Grant Wolf, two grandchildren and ten stepgrandchildren, a sister, Alice Ash, and a niece and nephew: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we express our appreciation for Robert Sudlow's lifetime of paintings and lithographs that will continue to inspire everyone who sees them of the beauty and natural wonders of the state of Kansas for years to come, and we give our deepest sympathy to his family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send 3 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1868 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.

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.*