

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1886

A RESOLUTION recognizing the former Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kansas and encouraging participation in "Sumner in the City," the fourth National Convention presented by the Sumner High School Alumni Association of Kansas City, Kansas, Inc., which takes place July 15-18, 2010.

WHEREAS, Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kansas opened its doors in 1905 after the Kansas legislature enacted House Bill No. 890, which segregated schools and called for the creation of a school exclusively for African-American students; and

WHEREAS, The school was named after Charles Sumner, a United States Senator, who fought hard for the emancipation of slaves and equal rights in the 1850's. From the beginning, Sumner High School was built with the highest standards and was noted for the high ranking of its staff, with many not only having Bachelor's Degrees, but Master's Degrees as well; and

WHEREAS, In the 1930's, the school had grown and become overcrowded and outdated, so a new building was constructed. The new Sumner High School was occupied in 1940. In the spring of 1978 the school closed. It was reopened as Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences, a magnet school for highly motivated and academically talented students, continuing the same tradition the founders had in mind for the original school; and

WHEREAS, The Sumner High School Alumni Association, which began in 1984, has as one of its chief goals to preserve, protect and promote the high goals of Sumner High School. They are presenting their fourth National Convention, "Sumner in the City," from July 15-18, 2010. "Continuing to Build on Our Greatness" will be the theme for this year: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we acknowledge and honor the historically significant and academically impressive Sumner High School and encourage all Kansans to share in remembering this school and celebrating their future endeavors during the "Sumner in the City" National Convention, taking place July 15-18, 2010 in Kansas City, Kansas; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1886 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.*