

SESSION OF 2026

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1615**

As Adopted by the Senate

Brief*

SCR 1615 would state the Legislature condemns the assassination of Charlie Kirk and extends heartfelt condolences to his family, and to honor his legacy, the Legislature would recognize October 14, 2026, and every October 14 thereafter, as Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day in Kansas. The resolution would state that because October 14 is Mr. Kirk's birthday, it is a particularly special day to recognize his legacy.

The resolution would encourage the Governor to join the Legislature in recognizing October 14, 2026, and every October 14 thereafter, as Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day in Kansas to honor the life of Mr. Kirk and to provide an opportunity for all Kansans to reaffirm the importance of free speech and civil discourse.

The resolution would also encourage Kansans to celebrate each Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day by exercising their freedom of speech and engaging in civil discourse to honor the memory of Mr. Kirk.

The resolution would direct the Secretary of State to send enrolled copies of the resolution to Senator Shallenburger and the Governor.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Background

The resolution was pre-filed for introduction on December 5, 2026, by Senator Shallenburger and 30 others.

Senate Action

The resolution was referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole on January 13, 2026.

The resolution was then passed by the Senate Committee of the Whole and adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2026.

Charlie Kirk; free speech; October 14, 2026