

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1853

A RESOLUTION recognizing and designating June 18-24, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week.

WHEREAS, Amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, Amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

WHEREAS, Amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades, in natural or man-made disasters, when other methods fail; and

WHEREAS, These amateur radio operators' services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

WHEREAS, These same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bikeathons, triathlons, fairs and other charitable public events; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the U.S. Government Weather Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Amateur radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world in 2005 by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the United States and in the tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

WHEREAS, The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for amateur radio in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23-24, 2012, and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize and designate June 18-24, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Tom Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1853 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.