

House Resolution No. 6019

By Representative Coleman

12-16

1 A RESOLUTION supporting the Team Roc lawsuit against the Kansas
2 City, Kansas Police Department and recognizing the need for positive
3 change within Kansas police departments.
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5 WHEREAS, On September 20, 2021, Team Roc filed a lawsuit against
6 the police department in Kansas City, Kansas; and

7 WHEREAS, The suit claims that the Kansas City, Kansas police
8 department (KCKPD) denied record requests involving officers from
9 its investigative division who have been accused of misconduct; and

10 WHEREAS, Team Roc argues that KCKPD is entrusted by the public to
11 help maintain peace and, therefore, should be held to a high standard
12 of transparency and remediation; and

13 WHEREAS, Team Roc argues that the public should know of the alleged
14 misconduct so that the public, as the suit states, may "organize and
15 take appropriate steps to effect change"; and

16 WHEREAS, Criminal justice and police reform is necessary to improve
17 not only the relationship between the public and law enforcement but
18 also the effectiveness of law enforcement itself: Now, therefore,

19 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
20 That the state of Kansas supports the Team Roc lawsuit against the
21 Kansas City, Kansas Police Department; and

22 *Be it further resolved:* That the state of Kansas recognizes the need for
23 positive change within Kansas police departments and police
24 departments nationwide; and

25 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
26 Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the
27 Mayor and CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and
28 to Representative Coleman.
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