

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1723

**A RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th anniversary of the bilateral relations
between Kansas and the Republic of Armenia.**

WHEREAS, This year, the State of Kansas and the Republic of Armenia celebrate the 20th anniversary of their bilateral relations, which was established in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard State Partnership Program joins the United States of America together with partner countries for the purpose of supporting its strategic security cooperation objectives; and

WHEREAS, The State Partnership Program goals reflect an evolving international affairs mission for the Kansas Air and Army National Guard, using its unique civil-military nature to interact with both active and reserve forces of foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, To further partnerships in the areas of troop development, medical servicing, NATO certification and emergency response, the State of Kansas and the Republic of Armenia have over 300 engagements every year, involving over 600 military officers, as well as enlisted service members and Kansas civilians; and

WHEREAS, The partnership between Kansas and the Republic of Armenia takes advantage of the unique attributes that the United States of America has concerning America's professional citizen-soldiers, which promote political, economic, and social development: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Kansas' bilateral relations with the Republic of Armenia, and we wish the program future success; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Wilborn.

Senate Resolution No. 1723 was sponsored by Senators Wilborn, Alley, Billinger, Claeys, Longbine, Masterson, Petersen and Sykes.

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.