

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1731

A RESOLUTION supporting the strengthening of Kansas' trade partnership with Ireland to create a more prosperous future for all.

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 11.3% of Kansas' population is of Irish ancestry, compared to the national average of 9.7%; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation; and

WHEREAS, The ties that bind Ireland and Kansas are deep and lasting; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to those close ties, both Kansas and Ireland have benefited from deep and extensive cultural and commercial exchanges; and

WHEREAS, Ireland currently ranks 38th on Kansas exports, illustrating a need to create a stronger trade partnership. Although the work may be difficult, it surely will be worthwhile; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of Kansas and Ireland to support efforts to strengthen their relationship: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we support the strengthening of Kansas' trade partnership with Ireland to create a more prosperous future for all; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize the deputy chairman of the Irish Senate, Mark Daly, for his efforts to promote trade with Kansas and his support of an Irish-Kansas trade commission; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mark Daly, deputy chairman of the Irish Senate, and Senator Erickson.

Senate Resolution No. 1731 was sponsored by Senators Erickson, Alley, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Dietrich, McGinn, O'Shea, Pettey, Pittman, Shallenburger and Wilborn.

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.