

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5024

By Representative O'Neal

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1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Lecompton as a Territorial Capital.

2 WHEREAS, The City of Lecompton was recognized as a
3 Territorial Capital of Kansas from 1855 to 1861; and

4 WHEREAS, Presidents Pierce and Buchanan appointed a total of
5 nine Kansas Territorial Governors who subsequently resided in
6 Lecompton; and

7 WHEREAS, There was a free state victory in the territorial
8 election in October of 1857; and

9 WHEREAS, The Lecompton Constitution split the National
10 Democrat Party in 1858, which led to four candidates for President in
11 1860 with Abraham Lincoln as the sole Republican candidate. He won
12 with only 39% of the popular vote; and

13 WHEREAS, The name Lecompton was mentioned at least 55
14 times during the Lincoln-Douglas Presidential debates; and

15 WHEREAS, The Kansas-Nebraska Act proposed the rejection of
16 the Lecompton Constitution by Congress, and a majority of Kansans
17 established that Kansas would not be a slave state; and

18 WHEREAS, The establishment of Kansas as a free state
19 established a tradition of Kansas supporting equal rights for all in the
20 United States and around the world: Now, therefore,

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of*
22 *Kansas:* That we recognize and honor Lecompton as a Territorial Capital
23 of Kansas; and

24 *Be it further resolved:* That the people of Kansas and its elected
25 leaders celebrate 150 years of Kansans supporting equal rights, political
26 freedom, and religious freedom for all people; and

27 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
28 Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Speaker of
29 the House, Representative Mike O'Neal, Minority Leader, Paul Davis,
30 and the Lecompton Historical Society.

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