

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1738

A RESOLUTION honoring the men of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas and the women of its auxiliary, the Eastern Stars of the Kansas Prince Hall Grand Chapter.

WHEREAS, In March 1775, Prince Hall and other men of color were initiated into the fraternal order of Freemasonry in Boston, Massachusetts, before the lodge disbanded for the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, In September 1784, Prince Hall and the initiated men were granted a charter for their own lodge, designated as African Lodge #459, making it the first lodge for men of color; and

WHEREAS, There are now more than 5,000 lodges and 47 grand lodges that trace their lineage to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas, Free and Accepted Masons, was established in March 1875 and is rooted in honor, respect and humility. The Lodge's mission is to encourage and support the advancement of the Masonry; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Masons abide by the Masonic values of the supremacy of God, family, involvement in religion and community, brotherly love, relief and truth, honesty, integrity and morality; and

WHEREAS, The Order of the Eastern Stars was formally organized in 1850 as a female auxiliary of Masonic Temples to unite female relatives of Masons; and

WHEREAS, The members of the female auxiliary are proudly given the title of "Eastern Stars." There are now more than 5,000 chapters and more than 500,000 members across the world; and

WHEREAS, The first Kansas chapter was established in December 1875, and the organization has since served local communities in many ways, including offering scholarships, collecting and donating food and school supplies to families in need, providing support to charities and sponsoring youth organizations; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Kansas Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Kansas Order of the Eastern Stars, both individually and as organizations, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the state of Kansas and are deserving of formal recognition for their long history of charitable relief, education and high moral standards: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the men of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas and the women of its auxiliary, the Eastern Stars of the Kansas Prince Hall Grand Chapter; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Wilbur J. Brown, Eddie J. Waller and Senator Faust-Goudeau.**

Senate Resolution No. 1728 was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

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.