

House Resolution No. 6019

By Representatives Knox, Alford, Arpke, Aurand, Ballard, Bethell, Billinger, Bollier, Boman, Bowers, Brookens, Brown, Bruchman, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Calloway, Carlin, Carlson, Cassidy, Collins, Colloton, Crum, Davis, DeGraaf, Denning, Dillmore, Donohoe, Fawcett, Feuerborn, Finney, Flaharty, Frownfelter, Fund, Garber, D. Gatewood, S. Gatewood, Goico, Gonzalez, Goodman, Gordon, Grange, Grant, Gregory, Grosserode, Hayzlett, Hedke, Henderson, Henry, Hermanson, Hildabrand, Hill, Hineman, Hoffman, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Howell, Huebert, Johnson, Kelley, Kelly, Kerschen, Kiegerl, Kinzer, Kleeb, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Loganbill, Mah, Mast, McCray-Miller, McLeland, Meier, Meigs, Mesa, Montgomery, Mosier, Moxley, O'Brien, O'Hara, O'Neal, Osterman, Otto, Patton, Pauls, Peck, Peterson, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Prescott, Proehl, Rhoades, Roth, Rubin, Ruiz, Ryckman, Scapa, Schroeder, Schwab, Schwartz, Seiwert, Shultz, Siegfried, Slattery, Sloan, Smith, Spalding, Suellentrop, Swanson, Tietze, Trimmer, Tyson, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Weber, Wetta, Williams, Winn, K. Wolf, B. Wolf, Wolfe Moore and Worley

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1 A RESOLUTION in memory of Howard L. Sell.
2 WHEREAS, Howard L. Sell, 93, a lifelong resident of Fredonia,
3 passed away on January 18, 2011. A former Kansas legislator, he served
4 the 28th District as a member of the House of Representatives from 1961
5 to the special session of 1964. His committee assignments included
6 membership on Assessment and Taxation; Judicial Apportionment; Mines
7 and Mining, where he served as chairman from 1963 to 1964; Public
8 Utilities; Legislative Apportionment and Cities of the Second Class; and
9 WHEREAS, Mr. Sell was born September 16, 1917 in Fredonia,
10 the son of Irv and May Myers Sell. He graduated from Fredonia High
11 School in 1935 and from the College of Emporia in 1939. Following
12 graduation, he worked for Kansas Electric Power Company for two years;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, Mr. Sell served his country during World War II in
15 the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1946. He participated in the Rhineland
16 and Central Europe campaigns with an ordnance unit of the 9th Air Force.
17 He was awarded the Soldier's Medal in 1945 for bravery involving black
18 market activity at a supply depot in Belgium; and
19 WHEREAS, After returning from military service, Mr. Sell was
20 employed as the manager of Radiant Electric Cooperative in Fredonia
21 from 1947 until his retirement in 1982. In 1975, he founded and became
22 the first president of KEPCo, a bulk power supplier and services provider
23 to rural electric cooperatives in Kansas. During his time as president, Mr.
24 Sell was involved in the negotiations and discussions that led to KEPCo's

1 purchase of part of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Coffey
2 County. He was also involved in KEPCo obtaining hydroelectric power
3 from the Southwestern Area Power Administration and the Western Area
4 Power Administration. KEPCo still has access to this hydroelectric power
5 today; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sell was active in civic and community affairs. He
7 served three terms as Fredonia's finance commissioner. He was a charter
8 member of Fredonia Jaycees in 1948, the Fredonia Rotary Club in 1951,
9 the Fredonia Arts Council in 1967 and a member of the American Legion.
10 Mr. Sell was a longtime and active member of the Fredonia First United
11 Methodist Church. He also served on the board of directors of the First
12 National Bank in Fredonia from 1965 until his death; and

13 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts held a special place in the heart of Mr.
14 Sell. He devoted much of his life to volunteering in the organization. In
15 1959 the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America recognized his
16 great contributions to the organization by presenting him with the
17 prestigious Silver Beaver Award. Recipients of the Silver Beaver Award
18 are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth
19 through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver Award is given to
20 individuals who implement the Scouting program and perform community
21 service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication and many years of
22 service; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Sell was united in marriage with Arlene Fink in
24 1943. She preceded him in death in 1979. He later married Betty Kathryn
25 Russell in 1981. She preceded him in death in 1999. Mr. Sell is survived
26 by two children, Philip Sell of Topeka and Nancy Sell Johnson of
27 Fredonia, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Sell will be remembered for his lifelong
29 commitment to public service and for his great work which helped deliver
30 electricity to rural Kansans: *Now, therefore,*

31 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of*
32 *Kansas:* That we honor former Representative Howard L. Sell for his
33 professional accomplishments and for his service to his country, his
34 community and to the state of Kansas, and we extend our deepest
35 sympathy to his family and friends; and

36 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
37 Representatives shall send two enrolled copies of this resolution to
38 Representative Knox.
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