

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1711

A RESOLUTION designating Baldwin City as the Quilt Capital of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Baldwin City is home to the oldest quilt show in the state of Kansas. The annual Maple Leaf Festival has hosted the show since it began in 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, local quilters established the Maple Leaf Quilter's Guild. The guild organizes many quilting events including a presentation of quilts to local veterans on Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Quilter's Paradise, a shop in Baldwin City, sells fabrics, patterns, books, tools and offers quilting classes to the local community; and

WHEREAS, As one of the oldest full-service quilt shops in the nation, Quilter's Paradise opened its doors in 1989. The shop is currently owned and operated by Sharon Vesecky, a fourth-generation quilter; and

WHEREAS, There are several cottage industries in the community organized for the purpose of making quilts available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, Quilts are proudly and continuously displayed at the Baldwin City Library, City Recreation Department and Lumberyard Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin City's relationship with its international sister city, Riviersonderend, South Africa, is centered around the exchanging of quilts; and

WHEREAS, Quilting is an important part of the community and provides Baldwin City senior citizens and church groups the opportunity to create quilts for family, friends and those in need: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That Baldwin City be designated as the Quilt Capital of Kansas; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1711 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.

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.