A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging congress to pass an amendment to the United States constitution to abolish corporate personhood.

WHEREAS, Government was established to provide a social contract between naturally born persons; and

WHEREAS, The founders of the republic and the signers of the United States constitution clearly and emphatically intended freedom of speech to mean freedom to communicate with and by naturally born persons either directly or through the free press; and

WHEREAS, Free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance; and

WHEREAS, Corporations are entirely human-made legal fictions created by the express permission of the citizens of this country and its government; and

WHEREAS, Corporations can exist in perpetuity, can exist simultaneously in many nations, need only profit for survival and exist solely through the legal charter imposed by the government; and

WHEREAS, Corporations are not mentioned in the United States constitution, have never been granted constitutional rights nor have ever been granted authority that exceeds that of the citizens of this country; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court ruled on January 21, 2010, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, that corporations have the same first amendment rights as naturally born persons, and that corporations can spend unlimited amounts of money on elections; and

WHEREAS, Large corporations have used their so-called rights to overturn democratically enacted laws passed at municipal, state and federal levels aimed at curbing corporate abuse, thus rendering local governments ineffective in protecting citizens against corporate harms to the environment, to health, to workers, to independent business and to local and regional economies; and

WHEREAS, There is an unequal playing field that allows corporations to spend without limit to influence elections, candidate
selection and policy decisions and to sway votes; and
WHEREAS, Large corporations own most of America's mass media
and use that media as a megaphone to loudly express such corporations'
political agenda and to convince the citizens of this country that the
citizen's role is that of consumer, rather than a sovereign citizen with
rights and responsibilities within our democracy, and this forces citizens
to toil to discern the truth behind headlines and election campaigning; and
WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court is misguided in
principle, and wrong on the law, because in a democracy the people rule:
Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of
Representatives concurring therein: That congress is hereby urged to
immediately transmit to the several states for ratification an amendment
to the United States constitution to abolish corporate personhood by
establishing that the term "person" refers only to naturally born persons,
returning our democracy, our elections and our communities to America's
naturally born persons, thus reclaiming our sovereign right to self-
governance; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the Kansas
Congressional Delegation.