

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____

By Senator Longbine

A RESOLUTION commemorating Emporia State University's Sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, Kansas State Normal School was founded by the Kansas Legislature in 1863 for "the instruction of persons, both male and female, in the art of teaching, and in all the various branches that pertain to good common school education, and in the mechanic arts, and in the arts of husbandry and agricultural chemistry, and in the fundamental laws of the United States of America, and in what regards the rights and duties of citizens"; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University has been a significant part of the State of Kansas and our system of higher education since its founding and throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Kansas State Normal School became Kansas State Teachers College in 1923, Emporia Kansas State College in 1974, and Emporia State University in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Over 75,000 alumni have served as accountants, artists, bankers, business people, educators, engineers, financial planners, government officials, health care providers, information managers, library scientists, military personnel, musicians, and scientists in addition to other occupations; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University empowers and engages excellent intellectual opportunities for the people of our state, our nation, and our world through its nationally recognized programs; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University brings state, regional, national, and international prominence to the Great State of Kansas through its outstanding academic, cultural, and athletic events; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University will celebrate its sesquicentennial throughout 2013 under the theme: "Changing Lives Since 1863"; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University will commence to celebrate its 150th anniversary on Founders Day, February 15, 2013: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we celebrate and commemorate the 150th anniversary of Emporia State University; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Emporia State University at 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, KS 66801.