

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1739

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th anniversary of Wamego Health Center
in Wamego, Kansas.

WHEREAS, Wamego City Hospital was established in 1915 at the remodeled home of Dr. Simonton at 1010 West Sixth Street; and

WHEREAS, J.T. Genn made a proposition to the city in 1919 to give \$10,000 for a new hospital if the city would raise a like sum and donate the real estate; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, Genn Hospital located at Sixth and Spruce was completed at a cost of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, In January 1925, Genn Hospital was deeded to the Board of Trustees of the hospital and the management and control was vested in them; and

WHEREAS, All physicians were made to feel that Genn Hospital was their hospital. Physicians and surgeons from neighboring communities preferred to practice medicine at Genn Hospital because they considered the conditions more favorable for the progress of their patients; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, new plans were made to build a larger, more modern hospital; and

WHEREAS, In May 1969, Wamego City Hospital was dedicated and opened for service to the community. There were 26 beds, four bassinets and about 60 employees; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, an outpatient clinic with 12 exam rooms was attached to the hospital. A lower level for future expansion was also constructed. The lower level was converted to the Physical Therapy Department and a Community Fitness Center; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the fitness center was condensed and renovations were made to accommodate the Heritage Health Program for Seniors; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of the emergency room took place in 2000. The ER was located to the northeast corner of the complex and housed a two-bed emergency room; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, a new metal building was constructed adjacent to the west side of the hospital. This building became home to the laundry facilities, materials management and Pottawatomie County EMS garages and sleep quarters; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Wamego City Hospital underwent a transfer of operations to the Wamego Hospital Association, a newly formed partnership between the City of Wamego, Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan and Via Christi Health Systems; and

WHEREAS, Construction on the new kitchen and dining room began in 2006. In 2007, the new kitchen and dining room opened. This created space for four new semi-private patient rooms; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, 2011 and 2012, Wamego City Hospital was named Modern Healthcare Magazine's best place to work; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Wamego City Hospital received the Excellence in Patient Care Award during the Studor Group's "What's Right in Healthcare Conference"; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Wamego City Hospital changed their name to Wamego Health Center; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Wamego Health Center was named the 2013 Guardian of Excellence award winner by Press Ganey Associates: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commend and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Wamego Health Center. Wamego Health Center provides patients with incredible service and we urge all Kansans to celebrate its success; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1739 was sponsored by Senators Laura Kelly and Jeff Longbine.

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.