

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6044

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center's 50th year of service to the Kansas law enforcement community and the citizens of Kansas.

WHEREAS, The training of Kansas law enforcement officers is a core function of government and an important function to ensure the safety of Kansas citizens; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Kansas rightfully expect that those who protect and serve in their local jurisdictions have been properly trained to quickly respond to emergency situations, even as these situations and the legal environment in which law enforcement officers must perform their duties have become increasingly complex; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature recognized 50 years ago the need for a single state agency, under the auspices of the University of Kansas, to adopt a mandatory minimum law enforcement basic training curriculum to provide a broad spectrum of training programs and services in order to improve local and state law enforcement practices and procedures; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, the Kansas Legislature passed House Bill No. 1137, codified at K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq., and commonly known as the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act, which mandates the attendance of all law enforcement officers at an approved training school that conducts the required minimum law enforcement basic training as identified in such act; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 74-5603 established the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) as our state's central headquarters for law enforcement training, stating that "the purpose and function of such training center shall be the promotion and development of improved law enforcement personnel and procedures throughout the state"; and

WHEREAS, The KLETC conducted its first law enforcement training class in Salina in 1968, several months before its campus facilities, located 12 miles southeast of Hutchinson, were ready for occupancy; and

WHEREAS, Today, in 2018, the KLETC serves 431 law enforcement agencies by providing basic training courses for new law enforcement recruits, in-person continuing education for veteran law enforcement officers, specialized training courses, seminars and workshops and online web-based interactive distance learning classes, and performs such functions and services at eight satellite training academies operated and funded across the state by local police, sheriff departments and the Kansas Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, The KLETC's full-time staff of 50 dedicated employees, supported by a cadre of contractual services employees, continues to fulfill annually the mission established for the KLETC by training over 400 new recruits every year in basic training programs, with nearly 10,000 annual enrollees in its continuing education, specialized training and web-based online distance learning courses; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature recognizes the critically important role that the KLETC performs in today's challenging policing environment by providing comprehensive, progressive and high-quality training and support to over 8,000 law enforcement officers in municipal, county, state and other law enforcement agencies around Kansas, thereby enhancing the quality and delivery of public safety to the citizens of Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center's 50th year of service in its public safety mission of serving the Kansas law enforcement community and the citizens of Kansas, as well as congratulate the University of Kansas and its KLETC staff on fulfilling its statutory mission through "the promotion and development of improved law enforcement personnel and procedures throughout the state".

House Resolution No. 6044 was sponsored by Representatives John Whitmer and Joe Seiwert.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.