

Senate Resolution No. 1731

By Senators Pyle, Olson, Hilderbrand, Alley, Baumgardner, Braun, Denning,
Estes, Lynn, Masterson, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Suellentrop and Wagle

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1 A RESOLUTION calling for the immediate resignation of District Judge
2 Jeffry Jack of the 11th Judicial District.

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4 WHEREAS, Jeffry Jack currently serves as a district judge for the 11th
5 Judicial District in Labette County, Kansas; and

6 WHEREAS, Jeffry Jack was nominated for the office of judge of the
7 Court of Appeals by Governor Laura Kelly, but his nomination was
8 subsequently withdrawn; and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Laura Kelly stated that it is unacceptable for a
10 sitting judge to post political views on social media and requested the
11 immediate withdrawal of Jeffry Jack's nomination and said that "In an era
12 when we increasingly see Twitter and other social media platforms being
13 used to attack and divide, we can and must do better"; and

14 WHEREAS, The preamble to the Kansas Code of Judicial Conduct
15 states that judges should maintain the dignity of judicial office at all
16 times, and avoid both impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in
17 their professional and personal lives. They should aspire at all times to
18 conduct that ensures the greatest possible public confidence in their
19 independence, impartiality, integrity, and competence; and

20 WHEREAS, The judiciary must remain an impartial branch of
21 government in order to maintain the respect of the citizens of Kansas and
22 to effectively settle legal disputes and affirm the rule of law: Now,
23 therefore,

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we call for
25 the immediate resignation of District Judge Jeffry Jack of the 11th Judicial
26 District in order to maintain the dignity of judicial office in Kansas; and

27 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
28 enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor Laura Kelly, Chief Justice
29 Lawton Nuss of the Kansas Supreme Court, and Jeffry Jack.