

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6040

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Western Cattle Trail.

WHEREAS, The Great Western Cattle Trail is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and  
WHEREAS, This is a milestone event that recalls how the Trail played a vital role in the Old West era when it further developed and spread to ultimately span nine states and connect Mexico and Canada through Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Stockmen initially developed the Great Western Cattle Trail in 1874, pioneering the route through Western Kansas to bring Texas longhorns north, which provided breeding stock for ranchers and beef for Native American tribes in the northern states, and then continuing North toward Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, The Great Western Cattle Trail contains five routes, reaching the Kansas Counties of Clark, Ford, Ellis, Hodgeman, Finney, Lane, Gove, Sheridan, Thomas, Scott, Logan, Wallace, Sherman, Cheyenne, Ness, Trego, Decatur and Rawlins, including stops in such notable places as Dodge City, Ellis, Hays and Fort Wallace; and

WHEREAS, The Great Western Cattle Trail brought longhorn cattle to the Kansas plains, ultimately providing a foundation for the modern cattle production and processing industry of today; and

WHEREAS, The Great Western Cattle Trail served as an economic lifeline for Kansas, carrying more longhorns for a longer distance and for more years than any other cattle trail; and

WHEREAS, The Great Western Cattle Trail hosted cattle drives, forming part of the greatest overland migration of domestic livestock in history; and

WHEREAS, Together with the Chisholm and Santa Fe Trails, the Great Western Cattle Trail contributed to popularizing many iconic images of the Old West and bolstered the Kansas economy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Western Cattle Trail; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we appreciate the countless benefits that resulted from the Great Western Cattle Trail's presence in Kansas.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*