

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1711**

**A RESOLUTION designating Baldwin City as the Quilt Capital of Kansas.**

**WHEREAS, Baldwin City is home to the oldest quilt show in the state of Kansas. The annual Maple Leaf Festival has hosted the show since it began in 1973; and**

**WHEREAS, In 1991, local quilters established the Maple Leaf Quilter's Guild. The guild organizes many quilting events including a presentation of quilts to local veterans on Veterans Day; and**

**WHEREAS, Quilter's Paradise, a shop in Baldwin City, sells fabrics, patterns, books, tools and offers quilting classes to the local community; and**

**WHEREAS, As one of the oldest full-service quilt shops in the nation, Quilter's Paradise opened its doors in 1989. The shop is currently owned and operated by Sharon Vesecky, a fourth-generation quilter; and**

**WHEREAS, There are several cottage industries in the community organized for the purpose of making quilts available for purchase; and**

**WHEREAS, Quilts are proudly and continuously displayed at the Baldwin City Library, City Recreation Department and Lumberyard Arts Center; and**

**WHEREAS, Baldwin City's relationship with its international sister city, Riviersonderend, South Africa, is centered around the exchanging of quilts; and**

**WHEREAS, Quilting is an important part of the community and provides Baldwin City senior citizens and church groups the opportunity to create quilts for family, friends and those in need: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That Baldwin City be designated as the Quilt Capital of Kansas; and*

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

**Senate Resolution No. 1711 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.**

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*