

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1737

A RESOLUTION honoring the men of the Kansas Prince Hall Shriners Temple  
and the women of its auxiliary, the Imperial Court.

WHEREAS, On June 3, 1893, Prince Hall Masons established the first temple of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This organization soon became known as Prince Hall Shriners: a charitable, benevolent, fraternal and social organization. Members of the organization are proudly given the title of "Nobles"; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are 224 temples and more than 25,000 members throughout the world. These men wear the recognizable symbol of a red fez hat; and

WHEREAS, Prince Hall Shriners volunteer and provide considerable grants to worthy charities, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Legal Defense Fund, the Urban League and the United Negro College Fund, with other grants to institutions of higher learning and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to the following temples: Emith Temple #30, Koran Temple #33, Fayum Temple #209 and Oasis Temple #29; and

WHEREAS, On August 24, 1910, The Imperial Court, a female auxiliary of Prince Hall Shiner temples, was established to unite female relatives of the members; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Imperial Court are proudly given the title of "Daughters" and are organized as local courts to accompany each local Shiner temple. Today, there are more than 95,000 Daughters across the world. These women wear the recognizable symbol of a white fez hat; and

WHEREAS, The Imperial Court stresses the development of leaders, encourages health awareness, provides services to disabled and senior citizens, recognizes and celebrates achievements of African-American women and promotes educational opportunities and career planning for youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to the following courts: Emith Court #18, Koran Court #37, Fayum Court #192 and Oasis Court #44; and

WHEREAS, The objective of these courts is to unite the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Shriners in one common body of friendship, to practice charity and benevolence, to promote general welfare and to inculcate honor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Members of Prince Hall Shriners and the Imperial Court deserve formal recognition for their long history of charitable relief, education and high moral standards: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the men of the Kansas Prince Hall Shriners Temple and the women of its auxiliary, the Imperial Court; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Joe H. Barner Sr., Annie L. Long, Pearlie Mitchell and Senator Faust-Goudeau.

Senate Resolution No. 1737 was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

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.*