

STATE OF KANSAS.

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SESSION LAWS, 1907,

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BEING THE FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL SESSION—OF THE  
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.

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## AUTHENTICATION.

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THE STATE OF KANSAS.        }  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE. }

I, C. E. DENTON, Secretary of State of the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the printed acts contained in this volume are true and correct copies of the enrolled laws and joint resolutions which were passed at the fifteenth biennial session of the legislature, begun on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1907, and concluded on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1907; and I further certify, that all laws contained in this volume which took effect and went into force on and after publication in some newspaper were so published (on the dates thereto annexed) as provided by law; and I further certify, that all laws contained in this volume will take effect and be in force on and after the 27th day of May, A. D. 1907, except when otherwise provided.

Given under my hand and seal, this 27th day of May,  
A. D. 1907.

C. E. DENTON,  
*Secretary of State.*

[SÉAL.]

rivers, on account of the condition of such rivers regarding obstructions: therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, a majority of the Senate and House of Representatives concurring therein,* That the United States senators from Kansas be instructed, and the members of the house of representatives in Congress be requested, to use their utmost endeavors to procure a suitable appropriation to be made by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of the Mississippi, Missouri and Kansas rivers, to the end that better navigation thereof can be had; be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the secretary of the senate to the vice-president of the United States, and to the speaker of the house of representatives in Congress, and to each congressman and senator from the state of Kansas.

Passed the Senate February 8, 1907.

Passed the House February 11, 1907.

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## CHAPTER 439.

### RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS BY THE DIRECT VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

House concurrent resolution No. 4.

WHEREAS, There is a widespread and rapidly growing belief that the constitution of the United States should be so amended as to provide for the election of the United States senators by the direct vote of the people of the respective states; and

WHEREAS, Other amendments to the United States constitution are by many intelligent persons considered desirable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, The senate of the United States has so far neglected to take any action whatever upon the matter of changing the manner of electing United States senators, although favorable action upon such proposed change has several times been unanimously taken by the house of representatives: therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein,* That the legislature of Kansas, in accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the constitution of the United States, hereby apply to and request the Congress of the United States to call a convention

for the purpose of proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States; and

*Resolved*, That we hereby request our representatives in Congress and instruct our United States senators to bring this matter to the attention of their respective bodies and to try and induce favorable action thereon; and

*Resolved further*, That the secretary of the state of Kansas is hereby directed to forthwith transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the vice-president of the United States, the speaker of the house of representatives in Congress, and to each of the representatives and United States senators in Congress from Kansas, and to the speaker of the house of representatives of each state in which the legislature is now or soon to be in session.

Passed the House January 23, 1907.

Passed the Senate February 5, 1907.

Approved February 6, 1907.

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## CHAPTER 440.

### RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF PENSIONS TO THE FORSYTH SCOUTS.

House concurrent resolution No. 7.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein*, That the following memorial be adopted and copies sent to the senate and house of representatives, at Washington, D. C.:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled*: Your memorialists, the legislature of the state of Kansas respectfully represent:

That whereas, a bill is now pending in Congress having for its purpose the granting of pensions to the survivors of what is known as the "Battle of Beecher Island" and their widows:

Now, therefore, your memorialists urgently recommend the enactment of said legislation. Said legislation is necessary for the reason that the participants in said battle were civilian scouts enlisted and recruited by Col. George Alexander Forsyth, and were known as Forsyth's scouts; that there were in number about fifty of said scouts, including their officers, and that at a point known as Beecher's island, in the state of Colorado, a battle was fought with the Indians, September 17, 1868; that said scouts and their officers were surrounded by more than one thousand Indians for nine days and nights; that five of them were killed and twenty-one wounded, and the survivors suffered untold agony; that only a small number of said scouts survive to this day, and that practically all of them and their widows are in straitened circumstances financially; that, had they been regularly enlisted in the United States army, they would long since have been receiving pensions; but on ac-