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RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS,

IN FAVOR OF

The passage of an act to secure the early completion of a railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean; the ratification of the treaty lately made with the Pottawatomie Indian nation; and a grant to said State of five million acres of the public lands in said State to aid in the construction of railroads.

MARCH 17, 1862.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to pass an act to aid in completing a railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean.

Whereas the early completion of a railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean has become indispensable to the strength of the Union and to the development of the resources of our national domain, and is a military necessity for the defence of the frontiers of our country against invasion, especially by the more powerful maritime powers, and would secure to the government of the United States a great economy in the cost of transportation; and whereas the valley of the Kansas river is the most direct and practicable route for such a railroad, and is rich in mineral deposits, especially in coal. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the house of representatives of the State of Kansas, the senate concurring therein, That the Congress of the United States be, and is hereby, urgently requested to pass an act to secure the early completion of a railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, by way of Fort Riley, as is more fully set forth in Bill No. 262, introduced on the fifth day of February, 1862, into the United States House of Representatives by the Hon. J. S. Rollins.

And whereas, the ratification of the treaty lately concluded between the United States and the Pottawatomie Indian nation is indispensable to the construction of said railroad. Therefore, be it

Resolved further, That the Senate of the United States is urgently requested to ratify said treaty as soon as may be; and whereas the

government of the United States is the proprietor of about forty millions of acres of land in the State of Kansas; and whereas the United States has heretofore granted many millions of acres of public lands to new States to aid in the construction of State railroads and other internal improvements; and whereas Kansas has never received any such aid from the federal government, while the welfare of all the other new States and Territories has been fostered by the liberality of the general government; and whereas Kansas, containing an area of over eighty-one thousand square miles is, by precedent, entitled to a fair portion of said lands: Therefore be it—

Resolved further, That Congress be requested to grant to the State of Kansas five millions of acres of the public lands lying within said State, to aid in the construction of railroads, other than are indicated in the foregoing resolution; and be it

Resolved further, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representative requested, to use every exertion to secure the objects sought in the foregoing resolutions; and be it

Resolved further, That the governor of the State of Kansas is hereby requested to transmit to our senators and representative in Congress certified copies of the foregoing resolutions, with the request that they immediately lay them before Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 5, 1862.

The accompanying resolution, No. 14, "memorializing Congress to pass an act to aid in completing a railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, has been adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives."

Final passage, March 4.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN FRANCIS,

Chief Clerk.

His excellency Governor CHARLES ROBINSON.

I certify the within preamble and resolutions are a correct copy of the original as on file in this office.

HENRY O. SHOLES,

Private Secretary to his excellency the Governor.