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RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS
IN FAVOR OF

The passage of a law to extinguish the title of the Indians to the Black Bob Shawnee reservation.

JANUARY 26, 1870.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

[House concurrent resolution No. 9.]

Whereas on the 2d day of January, 1866, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, by letter to the Hon. Sidney Clarke, did encourage the settlement of, and promise protection to, the settlers on the Black Bob Shawnee reservation; and whereas owing to this encouragement and promise of protection, every quarter section of the said lands has been settled upon and improved, costly dwellings have been erected, schools have been organized, orchards have been planted, and thousands of acres have been plowed and put under fine cultivation by an honest, industrious and law-abiding people, in the full faith that they would be protected in the right to acquire title to the land; and whereas certain persons are making efforts to purchase the said land for speculating purposes, regardless of the rights and interests of the settlers on the same, and to the utter ruin and impoverishment of some twelve hundred citizens of Kansas, therefore,

Be it resolved by the house of representatives of the Kansas legislature, the senate concurring, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representative requested to secure such action by the Congress of the United States as may be necessary to extinguish the title of the Indians to said lands, and to enable the actual settlers thereon to purchase the same at fair and reasonable rates.

Adopted by the house of representatives January 14, 1870.

HENRY C. OLNEY,
Chief Clerk.

Adopted by the senate January 14, 1870.

GEO. C. CROWTHER,
Secretary.

I, Thomas Moonlight, secretary of state, Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution, filed in my office, January 15, 1870.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State.

Done at Topeka, this 20th day of January, A. D. 1870.

[SEAL.]

THOMAS MOONLIGHT,
Secretary of State.