## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6023

## A RESOLUTION recognizing Storytime Village, Inc. for its work to give young Kansas children the opportunity for a better future through literacy.

WHEREAS, Storytime Village, Inc. has worked since 2009 to help Kansas children from birth to age eight thrive through partnerships that provide early childhood development, family engagement around reading and access to books; and

WHEREAS, According to a 2013 study conducted by the National Kids Count Data Center, 56% of Caucasian fourth graders in Kansas scored below the "proficient" reading level, while 80% of Hispanic children and 83% of African-American fourth graders in Kansas scored below the "proficient" reading level. With the support of parents and the help of many dedicated volunteers, Storytime Village, Inc. inspires children, regardless of their socioeconomic background, race or gender to read by providing them with free books and literacy resources. Storytime Village, Inc. is currently the only nonprofit organization based in Kansas that focuses exclusively on children's literacy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Storytime Village, Inc. for its work to give young Kansas children the opportunity for a better future through literacy.

House Resolution No. 6023 was sponsored by Representatives Roderick Houston and Gail Finney.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.