

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1783

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas City Royals baseball organization on their World Championship 2015 season.

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Royals are the 2015 World Series Champions, earning the title of World Champions of Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Royals are also the 2015 American League Central Division Champions and won the 2015 American League pennant for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Royals won an American League leading 95 games, and won 11 more games in the postseason, culminating in a dominant World Series victory over the New York Mets in five games, in the best-of-seven annual championship classic, earning the Royals their first championship since 1985; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 World Series matchup between the Royals and the Mets featured the first-ever Fall Classic between two of Major League Baseball's expansion franchises; and

WHEREAS, Game one of the World Series was played on October 27, 2015, which exactly 30 years prior to such day, on October 27, 1985, the Kansas City Royals won game seven and their first World Series Championship; and

WHEREAS, With the first pitch in the bottom of the first inning of the first game of the 2015 World Series, Royals shortstop, Alcides Escobar hit the first inside-the-park home run by a lead-off hitter in a World Series game since 1903; and

WHEREAS, The opening game also set the tone for this memorable series when Royals All-Star Alex Gordon sent the game into extra innings in the ninth inning, becoming only the fifth player in history to tie a World Series game with a ninth-inning home run. The Royals went on to a dramatic victory in the 14-inning contest, which matched the longest game in World Series history; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Royals catcher, Salvador Perez, was chosen as the Most Valuable Player of the 2015 World Series, for being the player selected as having the most impact on the performance of the Royals in the World Series; and

WHEREAS, Time and time again, the Kansas City Royals found a way to rally in late innings to win a critical game and turn the improbable into the probable, which was no more apparent than in the championship-clinching game five of the World Series, where the Royals scored two runs in the ninth inning, and scored five runs in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning, for the victory; and

WHEREAS, Named to the 2015 American League All-Star team were seven Kansas City Royals: Salvador Perez, Alcides Escobar, Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, as starters, and Mike Moustakas, Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis; and

WHEREAS, The owners, manager, coaches, trainers, other associated organizational persons, and most of all, the players of the Kansas City Royals baseball organization are to be congratulated and commended for their outstanding efforts in earning the title of 2015 World Champions of Major League Baseball: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Kansas City Royals baseball club and all persons connected therewith, including all Royals fans, be congratulated on their outstanding 2015 Major League baseball season, and winning their second World Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Kansas City Royals baseball club.

Senate Resolution No. 1783 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Wagle, Arpke, Baumgardner, Bowers, Bruce, Faust-Goudeau, Haley, Hawk, Holland, Kelly, King, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Masterson, Olson, Pettey, Pyle, V. Schmidt, Smith and Wolf.

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.*