

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1709**

**A RESOLUTION congratulating the University of Kansas Cancer Center on receiving National Cancer Institute designation.**

**WHEREAS, The University of Kansas Cancer Center received National Cancer Institute designation in July 2012, fulfilling the university's top research priority; and**

**WHEREAS, The University of Kansas Cancer Center has been providing the community with cancer treatment and researching cancer since the early 1970's; and**

**WHEREAS, The KU Cancer Center has built a Midwest Cancer Center Alliance network of hospitals across the state, providing greater access to top cancer care for Kansans; and**

**WHEREAS, The University of Kansas Cancer Center is now one of only 67 cancer centers across the nation to receive National Cancer Institute designation; and**

**WHEREAS, Dr. Roy Jensen, MD, has worked tirelessly along with his staff for the University of Kansas Cancer Center to obtain this designation, which labels KU Cancer Center as one of the best cancer centers in the country; and**

**WHEREAS, National Cancer Institute designation will allow the University of Kansas Cancer Center to continue to recruit and hire top researchers and apply for funding only available to National Cancer Institute designated centers. This designation will also allow the University of Kansas Cancer Center to expand benefits to members of the Midwest Cancer Alliance, which brings regional cancer research, care and support professionals together; and**

**WHEREAS, National Cancer Institute designation is an amazing achievement for the University of Kansas, which the community, as well as the entire State of Kansas, can celebrate: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the University of Kansas Cancer Center on receiving National Cancer Institute designation. This is a true accomplishment for the University of Kansas, and it is an award all Kansans can be proud of; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide two enrolled copies of this resolution to the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Senate Resolution No. 1709 was sponsored by Senators Francisco, Haley and Pettey.

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.*