

RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS,

ASKING

*The right of way through the Indian Territory for two certain lines of  
railroads.*

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MARCH 15, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be  
printed.

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Whereas the material interests of the people of the State of Kansas, and particularly those resident in the southwestern part of said State, demand imperatively that two lines of railway be at an early day constructed and put in operation from the southern border of the State in a southerly direction through the Indian Territory, thereby affording to us an outlet for our surplus productions and a cheap and practicable inlet for the lumber and coal of Arkansas and Missouri; and whereas such contemplated lines of railway would bring the people of our State into direct and easy communication with the ports of New Orleans and Galveston, and through them with the great marts of the world: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the house, the senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That Congress is hereby memorialized by the legislature of the State of Kansas, on behalf of the productive industries of the State and the whole people thereof, to grant, by appropriate enactments, the right of way through the Indian Territory and the public United States lands in the State of Kansas to any railroad company or companies that will construct, within the period of five years next succeeding the date of such grant, a line of railroad from the city of Ellsworth, in the State of Kansas, by way of the cities of Hutchinson, Wichita, Winfield, and Arkansas City, and thence by the most practicable route through the Indian Territory, to the city of Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas; and a line of railroad from the city of Arkansas City, in the county of Cowley, State of Kansas, through the Indian Territory, by the most practicable route to Red River, Texas, at or near the mouth of Little Wichita, so as to connect by railroad the capital of Kansas with the capital of Texas, and giving us a connection with the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Diego, California; and right of way to the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston, and Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf Railways, to such point or points on the southern line of said Territory as such companies may desire to reach.

SEC. 2. That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use their best endeavors to promote and secure the objects of this memorial.

SEC. 3. That the secretary of state is hereby directed to forthwith transmit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the House, January 27, 1876.

HENRY BOOTH,  
*Chief Clerk.*

Concurred in by the Senate, February 3, 1876.

JOHN H. FOLKS,  
*Secretary of Senate.*

I, Thomas H. Cavanaugh, secretary of state of the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution on file in my office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the great seal of state. Done at Topeka, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1876.

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THOS. H. CAVANAUGH,  
*Secretary of State.*