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STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER SESQUICENTENNIAL ART CONTEST

KANSAS—Kansas students, grades three through twelve, are invited to participate in an art contest to celebrate Territorial Kansas' 150th birthday. "Celebrating Territorial Kansas' 150th Birthday" is sponsored by the Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial Commission, the Kansas State Historical Society, and the Kansas Department of Education. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Oliver, Jr. also provided for assistance with the project.

The contest is designed to increase knowledge about the difficult process by which Kansas eventually became the 34th state of the Union. Each school district will select three pieces of student artwork, one from each category, for possible exhibition at the Kansas State Capitol and the Kansas History Center and Museum. If the project is not offered in the classroom, students may participate independently. Entry deadline is May 1, 2005.

From those submitted, two winners will be announced from each of the three categories. Winners will receive cash prizes, a letter of congratulations from Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, and a certificate of achievement.

The 10-member Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial Commission is chaired by Judge Deanell Reece Tacha, other members are Constance M. Achterberg, Jack E. Dalton, Larry M. Hatteberg, Mike Hayden, Yolanda Lopez, G. Hal Ross, William L. Muir III, Karen Seaberg, and Karen Swisher. A 28-member advisory committee assists the commission with its projects and activities.

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