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RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
(Mr. YODER asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to recognize the history and accomplishments
of the Kansas School

for the Deaf as we prepare to celebrate
the school's sesquicentennial this
week. It was 150 years ago that Philip
A. Emery began teaching deaf students
in a small two-room schoolhouse in
Baldwin City, Kansas, using the techniques
of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

Throughout the years, the Kansas
School for the Deaf has been noted for
its academic excellence in pre-college
preparation and its career and transition
program, leading to job placement
upon graduation.

Along the way, the school has had
many exciting moments, including almost
being destroyed in Quantrill's infamous
sacking of Lawrence, Kansas,
and even boasts of beating the University
of Kansas baseball team twice, in
1897 and 1900.

As the oldest educational institution
in the State of Kansas, the Kansas
School for the Deaf continues to provide
a world-class education to young
students, and I am proud in the United
States Congress to represent the school
and its many families and students.

