

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1838

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending David A. Ambler.

WHEREAS, David A. Ambler of Lawrence will be retiring in August of 2002 after completing 25 years of service as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, At the University of Kansas, Dr. Ambler is responsible for the University's student services program including student housing, health services, the Kansas Unions, recreational services, financial aid, placement, counseling services, student activities, multicultural affairs, international student services and other programs to assist student development. Additionally, he holds the rank of Courtesy Associate Professor in the Department of Teaching and Leadership where he works with graduate students interested in pursuing careers in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ambler has been active in national professional organizations and has been a member of two national journal editorial boards. He served a three-year term as President of the Foundation of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), an organization that promotes research and development in student services. He was twice a regional nominee for the NASPA Scott Goodnight Award for outstanding performance as a personnel dean. In 1999, he was designated a "Pillar of the Profession" by the NASPA Foundation, and he received the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA at the 2000 National Conference; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, the University of Kansas Student Senate selected him to receive their Higher Education Distinguished Service Award and in 1987 he was the first recipient of the CLASS Award, established by the Senior Class at the University of Kansas to honor staff members in the Division of Student Affairs. That same year, he was recognized by his alma mater, Indiana University, when he received the Robert H. Shaffer Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, Significant accomplishments of Dr. Ambler while at the University of Kansas include consolidation of the offices of Dean of Men and Dean of Women into the Dean of Students office, renovations of the Kansas Union and the Watkins Health Center and construction of a new child care center and a student recreation center. Additionally he and his wife, Mary Kate, the parents of two daughters, have served in a myriad of civic and religious organizations in the Lawrence community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ambler has been a leader in training other student affairs officers who now provide services to students at colleges and universities throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ambler has consistently sought to empower students to become active participants in the governance of the University of Kansas. He has served as a positive role model and a valued mentor to many thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ambler leaves a legacy of service reflected in the professionalism and passion of his staff and those with whom he has worked, a legacy of teaching reflected in the lives and intellects he has helped to mold and a legacy of friendship reflected in the many people whose lives have been improved as a result of knowing him: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Dr. David A. Ambler for 25 years of selfless service to the University of Kansas, the Lawrence community and the State of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. David A. Ambler, 213 Strong Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045.

Senate Resolution No. 1838 was sponsored by Senator David Adkins.

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.*