

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1831

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Ted K. Kessinger.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ted K. Kessinger, head football coach at Bethany College since 1976, is retiring from coaching June 30, 2004. He will continue at the college working in student-athlete recruiting, fund raising and alumni liaison. In addition to his exceptional record as a coach, he has been an outstanding role model for Bethany College students living an active Christian life, serving as a lay minister in pulpits throughout the area and working with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, In the 28 seasons as the Bethany College head football coach, Coach Kessinger's teams have won 16 conference championships or co-championships in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. His teams have played in 13 national championship playoff games and one post-season bowl game. In coming to Bethany he inherited a team which had been in last place in the league. Under his leadership the Bethany Swedes won five consecutive conference championships from 1977 through 1981. In fact, the team has not had a losing record under Coach Kessinger. His 28-year record is 219 wins, 57 losses and 1 tie; and his teams have been ranked 20 times nationally in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics list of top 25 teams; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kessinger has been named the conference coach of the year 11 times. He was inducted into the Bethany College Athletics' Hall of Honor in 1999 and was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Hall of Fame in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kessinger was born and educated in South Dakota and played one year of professional football in Canada before starting his coaching career. As the wrestling coach at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, his teams won five consecutive conference championships. He returned in 1969 to coach at his alma mater, Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before coming to Bethany College in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kessinger and his wife, Nancy, have three adult children, Kent, Kristin and Erin, and five grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Coach Kessinger upon completing 28 spectacular years as the Bethany College head football coach and for the moral values he has instilled in a myriad of Bethany College students; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Ted K. Kessinger, Head Football Coach, Bethany College, and four copies to Dr. Paul Formo, President, Bethany College, both addressed to Bethany College, 421 N. First St., Lindsborg, KS 67456.

Senate Resolution No. 1831 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

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.*