

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6027

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Max Falkenstien upon his retirement after 60 years of broadcasting Kansas University (KU) sporting events.

WHEREAS, Following the final game of the 2005-06 men's basketball season, Hall of Fame broadcaster Max Falkenstien retired as color commentator on the University of Kansas radio network. In his 60 seasons of covering Jayhawk football and basketball, Max broadcast some 1,750 KU basketball games, including every game ever played in Allen Fieldhouse, and 650 KU football games; and

WHEREAS, The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame both have honored Falkenstien. He has been inducted into the State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and the KU Athletics Hall of Fame, and was the first inductee of the Lawrence High School Hall of Honor. The Sporting News in 2001 named Falkenstien "the best college radio personality in the country." In addition, he has been awarded an honorary "K" by the Kansas Letterman's Club; and

WHEREAS, Falkenstien broadcast his first basketball game—an NCAA tournament game in Kansas City between KU and Oklahoma A&M on March 18, 1946. His next broadcast was KU's football opener against Texas Christian University on September 21, 1946. He served as the play-by-play voice of the Jayhawks for 39 years, and switched to the commentator's role in September 1984, when Bob Davis assumed the play-by-play duties. This duo has become so well known over the last 20 years that they are referred to simply as "Bob and Max." Television's Dick Vitale selected Bob and Max to his "Sweet 16" of the best college basketball announcing teams in the country; and

WHEREAS, Max also broadcast on television. He provided the play-by-play for the Big 8 Conference men's basketball Game of the Week between 1968 and 1971. For more than three decades he hosted football and basketball coaches' television shows, including those with Don Fambrough, Pepper Rogers, Mike Gottfried, Ted Owens, Larry Brown and Roy Williams: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Max Falkenstien upon his retirement from 60 years of broadcasting Kansas University sporting events and thank him for the standard of excellence he established as the voice of KU football and basketball, and for the hours of enjoyment he provided to listeners through his vivid commentary and enthusiastic delivery.

House Resolution No. 6027 was sponsored by Representative Barbara Ballard.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*