SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1845

A RESOLUTION honoring Sonny Weinhardt for his 56 years officiating
Kansas State High School athletics.

WHEREAS, Sonny Weinhardt of Grinnell recently retired after 56 years of officiating Kansas State High School athletics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weinhardt officiated many different sports, including basketball, football and volleyball, beginning his career right out of high school at age 17; and

WHEREAS, In his career, Mr. Weinhardt officiated at least four generations of high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weinhardt was beloved by the coaches, fans and student athletes, with whom he always had a wonderful rapport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weinhardt built a reputation of having good judgment as an official, as well as being known for his style of making calls, which some considered his signature dance; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Weinhardt officiated the only boys grand state basketball tournament that took place in the 1975-76 season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weinhardt was also committed to service, working as a Special Olympics basketball official for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weinhardt has the unique distinction of being the longest serving high school athletics official in state history and possibly the nation: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we proudly recognize and commend Sonny Weinhardt for his years of officiating Kansas State High School athletics, honor his outstanding record of community service and extend our best wishes for happiness in his retirement; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send one enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Ostmeyer.

Senate Resolution No. 1845 was sponsored by Senator Ralph Ostmeyer.

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.