

Journal of the House

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker O'Neal in the chair.
The roll was called with 120 members present.
Rep. Hermanson was excused on verified illness.
Reps. Peterson, Tfanelli and Winn were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.
Upon the resignation of Rep. Meier on February 21 to serve with the United States Army Reserves in Iraq, the House is now organized with 124 members.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Max Clayton, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Topeka, and guest of Rep. Tietze:

Eternal God, You know us better than we know ourselves, we praise Your name. As this session is called to order may we gain a new awareness of life and a new dedication to its principles. As we vote and make decisions may we listen to Your leading. We give You thanks for the abundance of our existence and for the eternal vision of the Godly life which our faith offers to us. We are strengthened by the assurance that yesterday did not conclude Your dealings with us and that today cannot exhaust Your infinite possibilities.

O God help this body of legislators live their lives today, but enable them to keep tomorrow in their hearts. Empower us all to serve in the present but maintain that vision of an even better future. Strengthen us by the assurance that just as the hairs on our head are numbered so the very moments of our lives are lived in communion with You.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ on this day called Ash Wednesday that reminds us of your great sacrifice and love for each of us. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Grant.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Powell are spread upon the journal:

Connie Richmeier, elected recently as the President of the National Conservation District Employees Association, represents 8900 conservation employees nationwide. The employee organization supports the National Association of Conservation Districts' mission and the goals of the individual districts. Connie served on the Board of Directors for six years; as Treasurer for two years; and as Vice President for two years.

It is a privilege to introduce Connie Richmeier and her husband, Gary, to the House of Representatives, and on behalf of Reps. Hayzlett and Whitham, I present her with a framed House certificate from the entire Finney County delegation.

Rep. Crum introduced Emily Deaver, Augusta, who is Miss Kansas for 2008. He presented her with a framed House certificate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, 2008 Annual Report of the Kansas Insurance Department.

The complete report is kept on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6012—

By Representatives Grant and Menghini

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pittsburg State University assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator Tim Beck.

WHEREAS, Offensive coordinator Tim Beck of the Pittsburg State Gorillas football team was nominated by his peers for the 2008 FootballScoop.com NCAA Division II Coordinator of the Year award and selected by a panel of former coaches and players as the coordinator of the year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Beck has served as offensive coordinator at his alma mater for 15 seasons, dating back to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Over the last five seasons, the Gorillas' option offense run by Coach Beck has scored 2,902 points (44.6 points per game) and compiled 32,559 total yards of offense (500.9 yards per game), ranking the Gorillas either number one or two nationally in both scoring and total offense in three of the last five seasons; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Coach Beck's offense staked its claim as the most prolific in the history of NCAA football, leading Division II in scoring with 55.8 points per game, rushing with 354.7 yards per game, total yards of offense with 598.4 yards per game and breaking the 118 year-old all-time NCAA single-season scoring record with 837 points, shattering the old mark of 765 points set by Harvard in 1886; and

WHEREAS, During the 2008 season, Coach Beck led the Gorillas offense to an average of 35.5 points per game and 432.7 yards of total offense per game, en route to an 11-2 record and the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Coach Tim Beck for winning the 2008 FootballScoop.com NCAA Division II Coordinator of the Year award, that we commend him for helping to craft yet another winning season and that we wish him continued success in the future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Menghini for presentation to Coach Tim Beck and two additional copies to be mailed to the Pittsburg State University President's office, 207 Russ Hall, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, 66762.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6013—

By Representatives Grant and Menghini

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pittsburg State University head football coach Chuck Broyles.

WHEREAS, The Liberty Mutual Football Coach of the Year award honors coaches who best exemplify excellence in coaching based on their on-field coaching results, sportsmanship and integrity, the academic excellence of their student-athletes and their community commitment; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broyles, who also serves as director of intercollegiate athletics, recently completed his 19th season as head football coach, guiding the Pittsburg State Gorillas to an 11-2 overall record and a 15th appearance in the NCAA Division II national playoffs in 2008; and

WHEREAS, During his successful tenure as Pitt State head football coach, Coach Broyles has achieved a 193-41-2 overall record, averaging more than 10 wins per season; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Coach Broyles became the first coach since the 1890's to record his 100th coaching victory in fewer than 10 full seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broyles led the Gorillas to the 1991 NCAA Division II National Championship, as well as appearances in the 1992, 1995 and 2004 NCAA Division II National Championship games; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broyles' unfailing coaching excellence is further demonstrated by the fact that the Gorillas have qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs 15 times during his 19-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broyles' sterling leadership continues in the classroom, where he has coached 15 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans since January 2000, leading all schools in Division II and second among all national college football programs; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broyles' charitable contributions have been numerous and wide-ranging, including his significant support for memorial scholarships in the names of his late son Kyle and former Pitt State Gorillas athletic director Tommy Riggs; his organization of the Gorillas' annual YMCA Youth Football Day; his coordination of team involvement in Project Franklin to restore the nearby tornado ravaged community; the annual campus "Big Event" town spring clean-up project; and facilitating his team's visits to local elementary schools to read with students; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broyles exemplifies the characteristics of a coach whose leadership not only makes great football players, but also makes great citizens: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Coach Chuck Broyles for winning the 2008 NCAA Division II Liberty Mutual Football Coach of the Year award and that we wish him continued success in the future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Menghini for presentation to Coach Chuck Broyles and two additional copies to be mailed to the Pittsburg State University President's office, 207 Russ Hall, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, 66762.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 26, 2009.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

