

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1741

A RESOLUTION congratulating Jim Halsey on his numerous musical accomplishments including being inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Jim Halsey was born in 1930 in Independence, Kansas. He has a career spanning more than 60 years as a premier artist manager, agent and impresario. Jim discovered and guided the careers of a staggering list of country and popular music figures from 1949 and into 2012; and

WHEREAS, After promoting Hank Thompson shows in the area in 1950, Thompson approached Jim Halsey about being his agent, which led Halsey to form The Jim Halsey Co. Talent Agency with Thompson as his first client in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Halsey became Roy Clark's manager in 1961 and guided him to popular music and television stardom, a professional relationship that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, After growing to between forty and fifty major stars, The Jim Halsey Company was the largest country music agency in the world. Jim Halsey managed famous stars including Wanda Jackson, Clint Black, Conway Twitty, Roy Orbison, Willie Nelson and the Osmond Brothers. Halsey remains the personal manager of the Oak Ridge Boys, continuing to supervise their career; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, the booking agency division of The Jim Halsey Company, Inc. was sold to the William Morris Agency, where Halsey remained a consultant for years. Since the mid-1990s, Jim Halsey has been focused on education, serving as director of the award-winning Music and Entertainment Business Program at Oklahoma City University. He also created The Halsey Institute of Music and Entertainment Business, an online internet school, and he lectures extensively around the world; and

WHEREAS, Jim Halsey has served on several boards of directors and has won numerous awards from many prestigious music industry organizations, including being inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame in 2009. Jim Halsey was also very instrumental in starting the Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate Jim Halsey on his many accomplishments. His love of the arts, specifically music, serves as an inspiration to all Kansans. His contributions to the music industry are remarkable, and we thank him for his hard work in country music; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide ten enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator King.

Senate Resolution No. 1741 was sponsored by Senator Jeff King.

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.*