

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6029

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Wayne Simien.

WHEREAS, Wayne Simien of Leavenworth, one of Kansas' greatest basketball legends, has finished his collegiate career as a consensus first team All American. A Kansan through and through, he started attending basketball camps at the University of Kansas while in seventh grade and has stated that attending the University of Kansas was his life-long dream; and

WHEREAS, Prior to attending the University of Kansas, Wayne was a legend at the high school level. In his senior year he led the Leavenworth Pioneers to league and state championships. In doing so he was named a McDonald's High School All-American and Mr. Basketball in Kansas for 2001. A four-year academic All-American, as a senior he was named the Scholastic Sports America Kansas Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, At six feet nine inches tall and weighing 255 pounds Wayne has the body and skills of a bruising power forward. He excelled in getting deep into the paint for close turn around shots, and if this was not possible he had a killer fade away jumper. A career shooter of over 50%, he was the power behind the Jayhawks in getting rebounds at both ends of the court. As the go to man of the Jayhawks he received double and triple team defenses against him consistently—and was fouled at every opportunity. This was to the opponents' detriment as Wayne's success at the free throw line exceeded 80%; and

WHEREAS, During his four years at the University of Kansas the Jayhawks went to the NCAA national tournament every year. The team was in the elite eight in 2004, the final four in 2002 and the national runner-up in 2003; and

WHEREAS, During his collegiate career Wayne was named the Big 12 player of the week on several occasions. During the 2004-2005 season, after averaging a double-double for the season, Wayne was named to the All-Big 12 first team. Wayne was awarded All American honors this year by Collegeinsider.com, USBWA, NABC and AP and is a finalist for the Naismith trophy; and

WHEREAS, Wayne has had a multitude of fans and supporters throughout his high school and collegiate career, but none have been more loyal or supportive than his parents, Wayne and Margaret Simien, Sr.: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Wayne Simien upon the completion of his collegiate career in Kansas basketball and wish him great success in his future endeavors. We also thank him for the role model he has provided to myriads of Kansas youth.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.