

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1840

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

WHEREAS, Hall of Fame broadcaster Max Falkenstien retired as color commentator on the University of Kansas radio network after the last game of the 2005-06 men's basketball season. This was his 60th season 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. In addition, he has been awarded an honorary "K" by the Kansas Lettermen's Club; and

WHEREAS, The Sporting News in 2001 named Falkenstien "the best college radio personality in the country", and television's Dick Vitale selected Bob and Max to his "Sweet 16" of the best college basketball announcing teams in the country; 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"; and

WHEREAS, Max also broadcast on television by providing 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 for Don Fambrough, Pepper Rogers, Mike Gottfried, Ted Owens, Larry Brown and Roy Williams: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Max Falkenstien upon his retirement from broadcasting Kansas University sporting events, and after hearing his voice for 60 years know he will be sorely missed; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Wysong for presentation to Mr. Falkenstien.

Senate Resolution No. 1840 was sponsored by Senator David Wysong.

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.*