

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1860

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Benny Rosell.

WHEREAS, Benny Rosell, a high school debate and forensics coach at Hoxie High School for nearly 40 years, is to be inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame at ceremonies to be held on May 13; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosell was born in the Philippine Islands where his father was a minister. His first contact with Americans was with soldiers during World War II—and as a boy was disappointed that he could not return to the United States with them. In 1952 at age 17 he came to America to attend college. He attended Midwest Bible College for one year but transferred to Phillips University where he earned his bachelor's degree. He later earned a master's degree at Wichita State University. Prior to finishing his education he married Patsy Blain and in time they had two children, Yolanda and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosell taught at Florence High School for two years before moving to Hoxie in 1964. There he taught speech, debate and drama and coached the debate and forensics teams. For 21 consecutive years his debate teams qualified for the state tournament winning 18 regional championships and second three times. At the state level his teams were the state champions in 1984, 1986, 1987 and 1989; second place in 1978, 1988, 1990 and 1991; third place in 1985 and 1992 and fourth place in 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1979. At the state tournament the team competed against much larger schools. His forensics teams won back-to-back championships in 1988 and 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosell prepared his teams to be the very best—they had to believe in themselves and be prepared to be the very best, the winning edge in his view. Subsequently many of his students have excelled in their chosen fields of endeavor, to some extent because of the attitude Mr. Rosell instilled in them; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a teacher, Mr. Rosell spent 24 years being the pastor of the First Christian Church in Hoxie: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Benny Rosell upon being inducted into the Kansas High School Activities Association Hall of Fame and thank him for a lengthy career making students into champions.

Senate Resolution No. 1860 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.*