

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6033

A RESOLUTION honoring University of Kansas Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway.

WHEREAS, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway, who since 1995 has led the University of Kansas through an unprecedented period of progress and expansion, will step down as Chancellor on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Under Chancellor Hemenway's leadership, KU has experienced record enrollment; the transition of KU Hospital to a top performing academic hospital after Hemenway's proposal in 1998 to move the hospital from state status to a public authority; an increase in its research activity to almost \$300 million annually and undergone an unprecedented expansion and remodeling of its campus facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Hemenway has also initiated a "wounded warrior" education partnership with the U.S. Army in Fort Leavenworth, building on a faculty-student exchange he created with the fort; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Chancellor Hemenway was elected to the 11-member executive committee for the Association of American Universities, an organization representing the nation's most prestigious research universities, and in 2008, he was elected its vice-chair; and

WHEREAS, As the No. 1 Jayhawk fan, Chancellor Hemenway was especially pleased to see the University of Kansas Jayhawks win the NCAA men's basketball championship and a BCS Bowl game, the Orange Bowl, in 2008, joining the University of Florida as the only schools to have achieved that feat; and

WHEREAS, As a scholar of American literature, Chancellor Hemenway has taught an undergraduate class every year, recently alternating between American literature and honors seminars on global poverty and development issues, topics reflective of Hemenway's wide-ranging intellectual interests; and

WHEREAS, The innumerable and invaluable contributions made by Dr. Hemenway have not only guided the University of Kansas through an extremely successful period in its history, but have left the future of the university in wonderful condition to continue the tradition of success: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we honor and thank Dr. Robert Hemenway for his contributions to the University of Kansas and its students, faculty, administration, alumni, parents, supporters and to the entire state of Kansas.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*