

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1742

A RESOLUTION recognizing Tom Hedrick for his accomplished
and outstanding sports broadcasting career.

WHEREAS, Tom Hedrick has been a sports broadcaster since the 1960s, lending his voice to many different collegiate and national programs for over 60 years, including the first Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick has served as the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs, the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers, and the Cincinnati Reds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick also announced play-by-plays for the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, On national airwaves, Mr. Hedrick announced as a color commentator for the first Super Bowl at the age of 32; and

WHEREAS, He also announced for ABC's "WideWorld of Sports" from 1968 through 1975 and for CBS's coverage for the Cotton Bowl from 1970 through 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick was a play-by-play announcer for Super Bowl II in 1968 and Super Bowl IV in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick is one of two broadcasters still alive from the 1967 inaugural Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick served as Sports Director for Kaleidoscope Dallas-Fort Worth, otherwise known as KDFW, in Dallas, Texas, from 1973 through 1975, and as Director of the Kansas University Sports Network in 1975; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas has benefited from Mr. Hedrick's experience and knowledge as he taught sports broadcasting courses for many years; and

WHEREAS, He was also the voice for the University of Kansas basketball and football for sixteen years, from 1960 through 1967 and from 1975 through 1983, as well as the voice of Jayhawk baseball for 35 years, at different times; and

WHEREAS, Until recently, Mr. Hedrick was an instructor of Mass Media and Communication at his alma mater, Baker University in Baldwin City, where he retired from teaching and called his last Baker Wildcat Football game this past fall; and

WHEREAS, Eight different schools, including the University of Kansas, use his textbook, "The Art of Sportscasting"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick has been recognized for his achievements numerous times, including being named the Kansas Sportscaster of the year in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966, and Missouri Sportscaster of the year in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick earned his Bachelor of Arts from Baker University and a Master of Arts from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Baker University honored Mr. Hedrick and awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in December 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hedrick has been supported in his career by his wife, Lee, and his daughter, Nancy: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize Tom Hedrick for his accomplished and outstanding sports broadcasting career of over 60 years and for his major contributions to Kansas and national sports broadcasting; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Wagle.

Senate Resolution No. 1742 was sponsored by Senators Alley, Holland and Wagle.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.