

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6020

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Roger Myers.

WHEREAS, Roger Myers, statehouse reporter for the Topeka Capital-Journal, is retiring after covering 37 sessions of the Kansas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Roger grew up in Salina and graduated from Salina High School. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1958 with a degree in journalism having been the editor of the K-State Collegian during the 1957 fall semester. After short stays with the Kansas City Star, the Hutchinson News, the Salina Journal and the U.S. Army, he joined the Topeka Daily Capital in 1960. After covering the 1963 and 1964 legislative sessions he left to work for Southwestern Bell for nine months but returned to the Daily Capital in 1964 where he has remained to this date. He was assigned full-time to the capital beat in 1966 and has continued in that capacity except for being sent to Washington, D.C. in 1973 to open the Capital's Washington bureau, an assignment which lasted for two years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as the Capital's statehouse reporter he has covered seven governors, Bill Avery, Robert Docking, Robert Bennett, John Carlin, Mike Hayden, Joan Finney and Bill Graves and several national political conventions including the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago that nominated Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie; the 1976 Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, that nominated Gerald Ford and Bob Dole; the 1980 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco that nominated Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro; the 1988 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta that nominated Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen; and the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago that renominated Bill Clinton and Al Gore; and

WHEREAS, Roger Myers served in the United States Army Reserve from 1959 to 1989 retiring with the rank of Colonel. He is a fraternity brother of Kansas Senator Pat Roberts and fellow newspaperman John Petterson; and

WHEREAS, Roger Myers has been a professional journalist of the highest order. He has made a career of knowing the participants in Kansas politics. But more importantly, he has been the source for Kansans, in and out of government, from which they learned of the impartial details of pending legislative action. He has been relied upon, day after day, and year after year, as the reliable source to provide budgetary details, the governor's position and pending leadership action on pertinent issues of the day. He has not been emotional, and he has not been biased, but he has been the bedrock of capitol reporting for his newspaper and his readers have been the better because of his devotion to his job, his employer, Kansas government and the people of Kansas. His daily articles will be sorely missed: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Roger Myers upon completion of 37 years of reporting Kansas political news, and wish him well in his postretirement activities.

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.