

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1863

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Jack Chalender.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Chalender is honored as an outstanding educator and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chalender was graduated from Wellsville High School in 1943. While attending the University of Kansas, he began teaching on a provisional certificate in the same country school he had attended. The second semester of that year he organized the first kindergarten in a rural area in Kansas. In 1951 after completing his Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Kansas, he began teaching 7th grade at Overland Park Elementary School in Overland Park. He also taught 7th grade at Prairie Elementary School in Prairie Village. He was an initiator of core curriculum at the junior high level and later was recognized by national educational groups for developing core curriculum. In 1956 Dr. Chalender received his master's degree from the University of Kansas and also became the first counsellor at Milburn Junior High in Shawnee Mission. He continued working on his doctorate at the University of Kansas and completed it in 1960; and

WHEREAS, In 1960 he was named Superintendent of Valley View District Number 49 in south Overland Park. From 1969 to 1983 Dr. Chalender held various administrative positions in what came to be known as district number 512. He was a leader in health, sex, and drug education programs while Superintendent of Instruction from 1969 to 1975. He directed the writing of school evaluation procedures for 32 elementary and 10 junior high schools in the district. In 1976 Dr. Chalender was appointed Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education for district number 512. Later he became area superintendent for the north and northwest areas K-12 in Shawnee Mission. He retired from active school employment in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chalender has been recognized as an author of numerous articles in leading educational publications as well as a lecturer and consultant to various educational institutions. He has taught summer classes and participated as a leader in various seminars in academic institutions around the country. Besides a focus on the young adolescent he has taught in the study of exceptional children. He has served as a consultant to various school districts especially in Kansas and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, A leader for good in the community, Dr. Chalender has served it well. He was one of the leaders organizing the Johnson County YMCA. He helped in getting Overland Park's first swimming pool and was on its board. He helped in the development of the Johnson County Mental Health Association and served on its board. He served also on the board to develop a juvenile delinquency home, served on the Board of Commissioners for Fire District Number 1 and on the Board of Directors of the Shawnee Mission Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was chairman of the building committee for their present headquarters. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Children's Community Theater. He has served well in other organizations in the community, region and state; and

WHEREAS, It is entirely appropriate and fitting to honor a man who has given a lifetime of effort to improve the schools and civic organizations of his community: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Dr. Jack Chalender for giving 40 years of his life as a teacher of our youth and for his many community contributions; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Vratil for presentation to Dr. Chalender.

Senate Resolution No. 1863 was sponsored by Senator John L. Vratil.

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.*