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S. CON. RES. 72

Honoring the centennial celebration of the University of Kansas basketball program and the contributions of the program to the sport of basketball and of the coaches, players, and 500 lettermen, who have achieved success and made significant contributions on and off the basketball court.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 1998

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the centennial celebration of the University of Kansas basketball program and the contributions of the program to the sport of basketball and of the coaches, players, and 500 lettermen, who have achieved success and made significant contributions on and off the basketball court.

Whereas, in 1898, the “Father of Basketball”, Dr. James Naismith, became the first basketball coach at the University of Kansas;

Whereas Dr. Forrest “Phog” Allen, considered one of college basketball’s most successful coaches, succeeded Dr. James Naismith, winning 746 games, 24 conference

championships, 2 Helms Foundation National Championships, and 1 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this resolution as “NCAA”) Championship;

Whereas Dr. Allen was influential in forming the National Association of Basketball Coaches, lobbied to make basketball an Olympic sport, and was a key individual in the formation of the NCAA Basketball Tournament;

Whereas University of Kansas graduates who played basketball under Dr. Allen, including Adolph Rupp, Dean Smith, Ralph Miller, and Dutch Lonborg, went on to achieve unparalleled success as college basketball coaches;

Whereas 13 University of Kansas alumni, including Wilt Chamberlain and Clyde Lovellette, are members of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame;

Whereas the jerseys of Danny Manning, Charlie Black, B.H. Born, Paul Endacott, Wilt Chamberlain, and Ray Evans were retired by the University of Kansas because of their achievements on the basketball floor as University of Kansas Jayhawks;

Whereas the University of Kansas men’s basketball tradition includes more than 1,650 victories, 44 conference championships, 10 NCAA Championship Final Four appearances, 2 Helms Foundation National Championships, 2 NCAA Championships, in 1952 and 1988, and 10 Consensus All-American players; and

Whereas Allen Field House in Lawrence, Kansas, maintains a spirited atmosphere that provides the University of Kansas Jayhawks an immeasurable advantage in their games: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes and honors—

- 1 (1) the 100 years of basketball history at the
2 University of Kansas; and
- 3 (2) the players, coaches, alumni, and fans of
4 the University of Kansas Jayhawks who have par-
5 ticipated in the basketball program throughout the
6 years.

