

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6060

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Bob Davis on his outstanding sports broadcasting career and retirement; and designating April 28, 2016, as Bob Davis Day.

WHEREAS, Bob Davis was born on May 27, 1944, and grew up in Topeka, Kansas, where he graduated from Topeka West High School and Washburn University. Bob began his career in 1968 at KAYS Radio and TV as a staff announcer, but was soon covering games for Fort Hays State, two local high schools and American Legion Baseball. The Kansas State High School Activities Association recognized him with the Oscar Stauffer Sports Broadcasting Award in 1975 and 1978 for his high school sports broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Bob Davis began with the Jayhawk Radio Network in the fall of 1984 and broadcast eight of the Jayhawks' 14 NCAA Final Four appearances, including KU's 1988 and 2008 national championships, and half of KU's 12 football bowl games, including the Jayhawks' victory in the 2008 Orange Bowl. He also served for many years as host of the weekly radio show "Hawk Talk," featuring the Jayhawk football and basketball coaches; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Bob Davis joined the Kansas City Royals' broadcasting team when he was paired with the late Paul Splittorff in the Royals' television booth. Bob continued his broadcasting work for the Royals for 16 seasons until retiring in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Bob Davis called 372 KU men's football games and over 1,160 KU men's basketball games as the Voice of the Jayhawks. Bob retired from broadcasting at KU after the 2015-2016 college basketball season in order to spend more time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Bob Davis was named Kansas Sportscaster of the Year 14 times and is a member of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters (KAB) and the Fort Hays State Athletics and Topeka West High School Graduate Halls of Fame. In 1991, KAB presented him with its Hod Humiston Award for Contributions to Sports Broadcasting. Bob has chaired KAB's Sports Seminar and has judged the Kansas Scholastic Press Association Sports Writing Competition. Bob lectured numerous times at university broadcasting and journalism classes; and

WHEREAS, Bob Davis is married to Linda Michaelis, who attended games he broadcast in Hays, and, after their marriage, became his statistician and spotter. They have a son, Steven, who has broadcast Minor League Baseball games and college and high school games on radio and TV since 2005; a daughter-in-law, Katie; two grandsons, Landon and Will; and a granddaughter, Millie. Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Bob Davis on his outstanding sports broadcasting career and retirement; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we designate April 28, 2016, as Bob Davis Day.

House Resolution No. 6060 was sponsored by Representative Ray Merrick.

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.*