



## John Tong

John Tong, the long time "voice" of the Boys' State Basketball and State Football Finals, served the Association as public address announcer for both events for over 30 years. A native of Louisville, Tong's distinctive professional announcing echoed throughout Rupp Arena, Freedom Hall and Cardinal Stadium. He also served as public address announcer for University of Louisville men's basketball games for 37 years, never missing a game and worked U of L football games for 25 years. In addition to announcing for the KHSAA and U of L, Tong called Kentucky Colonels professional basketball games, Louisville Colonels baseball games, the University of Kentucky-Notre Dame basketball series, the St. Xavier-Trinity High School annual football battle and the NCAA Final Four in 1967 and 1969. Prior to his death late last year, Tong was honored at the 1997 Boys' State Tournament and presented a microphone trophy by the three KHSAA Commissioners he had worked under in Louis Stout, Billy Wise and Tom Mills.