

House Resolution No. 83

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Thomas Marshall "Tom" Carter, who passed to his eternal reward on January 17, 2002; and

Whereas, Thomas Marshall Carter came into this world near Hartville, Missouri, on December 29, 1910, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Charles Cofer and Stella Robinett Carter, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, a 1929 graduate of Hartville High School who received his Bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State Teachers College in 1936 and Master's degree in Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1943, Tom Carter married Dorothy Leach early in his life and to this union one son, Tom, Jr., was born; and

Whereas, on April 4, 1954, Tom found true love once again when he was united in Holy Matrimony with his beloved Naomi Henrietta Davis, a kind and loving woman with whom he shared forty-seven years of wedded success and happiness; and

Whereas, an educator who taught in county rural schools and ended his teaching and administrative career at Cassville, Tom Carter purchased his father's business, Carter Motor Company, following his retirement from teaching and was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1963 where he served four terms as a legislator from Webster and Wright counties; and

Whereas, a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Hartville where he glorified the Lord as an Elder for many years, Tom Carter compiled an enviable list of service to numerous organizations including the Hartville Lions Club, the Drury College School of Religion Board, the Wright County Republican Committee, the Masonic Lodge, Shriners, and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, which bestowed upon him the prestigious "Old Timer's Award" for his endeavors as a successful cattle farmer; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Frank and Cofer Hayes Carter, Tom Carter leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Naomi; his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas M. and Barbara Carter of Harrisonville; his two grandchildren, Susan Carter Phillips of Blue Springs and Phillip Marshall Carter of Harrisonville; his two great-grandchildren, Rachel and Samuel Phillips; his two nieces, Patty Carter Campbell of Henderson, Nevada, and Nancy Carter Billings of Huntsville, Alabama; and a host of other relatives and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Tom Carter, a devoted husband, proud father, loving grandfather, and true friend who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving him; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the widow of the late Thomas Marshall Carter, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
 Representative Van Kelly
 District No. 144

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 83, adopted January 23, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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