

House Resolution No. 686

Whereas, it is with profound sadness and heaviness of heart that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives note the passing of one of the Show-Me State's most stellar citizens; and

Whereas, William John Couch was an esteemed resident of Centralia, Missouri, from June 1965 until his death on Friday, March 1, 2002, at the age of seventy-six; and

Whereas, an Army veteran with World War II service, William Couch was a Combat Engineer who earned two Bronze Battle Stars, two Bronze Stars, the Dispatch Bearer Credential Award, and the Arrowhead Award while fighting for the restoration of freedom at the Philippine and Korean fronts; and

Whereas, William Couch demonstrated even more success during his sixty-three-year-long participation in the Boy Scouts of America program in which he earned the rank of Eagle; enjoyed induction into the Order of the Arrow honor society; received the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Key, Cubmaster Key, Training Key, and Silver Beaver Award; served as Committee Chairman, District Commissioner, and Eagle Review Committee member; and conducted Woodbadge and Pow-wow training; and

Whereas, other community involvement by William Couch down through the years included active membership in the Centralia Rotary Club, United Way, and Centralia P.T.A.; assistance with the Missouri Medical Brigade and with troubled children in the Centralia school system; leadership on the Board of Sunset Gardens; and service in setting up the flagpole at Centralia City Cemetery; and

Whereas, the late William Couch is survived by his children, Larry Couch, William Couch, Karry Couch, Perry Couch, Diane Riley, Deborah Albrecht, Janine Albrecht, and Rebecca Cooper; twenty grandchildren and step-grandchildren, several great-step-grandchildren; and two of his siblings, Dianthia Higgins and Floyd (Buster) Couch:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to extend this legislative body's sincerest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the late William Couch during this time of tremendous personal loss in their lives; 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 in honor of the exemplary life of the late William John Couch of Centralia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Connie Johnson
 District No. 61

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. 686, adopted March 11, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

