

House Resolution No. 796

Whereas, Booker T. Wright, Jr. was born on July 28, 1947, in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was living when God took him home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light on March 1, 2002; and

Whereas, Booker Wright will be greatly missed by his grieving family whose members include one brother, Eddie J. Wright of Kansas City; one aunt, Frances Wright of Kansas City, Kansas; two nieces, Teresa Howard and Deborah Jackson of Kansas City; three nephews, Douglas Howard of Denver, Colorado, and Gregory Howard and Clifton Howard of Kansas City; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, Booker Wright had also nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of his family who preceded him in death, including his parents, Thelma and Booker T. Wright, Sr., and two sisters; and

Whereas, a graduate of Manuel High School, Booker Wright was a lifelong resident of Kansas City where he was a valuable member of the Boone Tabernacle Church of God in Christ for many years; and

Whereas, Booker Wright had participated in advocacy for consumers of Mental Health Services, as well as other disenfranchised persons, and had served on several Neighborhood Advisory Boards, Advocacy Groups, and the Advisory Board for Wyandotte County Mental Health Services; and

Whereas, a member of a group that lobbied the utility companies about excessive utility rates, Booker Wright, who had been interviewed several times by the media, had also served as Committeeman for the 2nd Ward, as a member of various committees for Freedom Incorporated, and as a freedom activist; and

Whereas, Booker Wright will be remembered as a person of unbounded vision who zealously supported many significant endeavors throughout his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Booker Wright and in expressing to his family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; 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 loved ones of the late Booker T. Wright, Jr.

Offered by: Representative Henry C. Rizzo, # 40
Representative Melba Curls, # 41
Representative Craig Bland, # 43
Representative Yvonne Wilson, # 42
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, # 37

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. 796, adopted March 14, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker