

House Resolution No. 800

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 John Hill, Jr., who passed to his eternal reward on March 11, 2002; and

Whereas, John Hill, Jr., came into this world as the seventh of twelve children born to proud and loving parents John L. and Esther Wilbourne Hill, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, John Hill graduated from the Woodstock Training School in Millington, Tennessee, and dutifully served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War; and

Whereas, throughout his long and meaningful life, John Hill firmly believed in the value of entrepreneurship and was involved in numerous business ventures, often opening his heart and sharing with others the lessons he had learned along life's highway as he truly cared for all people; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his father, John Hill leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Giwania Banta-Hill of Sacramento, California; his three daughters, Johnna Stephens of Sacramento, California, and Tonya Hunter and Deborah Degruy, both of San Jose, California; his two sons-in-law, Simuel Degruy and Donald Hunter; his four grandchildren, Sean and Deonna Degruy, and Tamioka and Tianna Hunter; his great-grandson, Jahvon; his mother, Esther Hill of Arlington, Tennessee; his two brothers, R.L. Hill of Lakewood, California, and W.S. Hill of Arlington, Tennessee; his five sisters, Mary Hamilton and Angie Hawkins, both of Memphis, Tennessee, and Gladys Webb, Esther Hill-Haywood, and Omega Hill-Reed, all of St. Louis, Missouri; and a host of other nieces, nephews, 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 John Hill, Jr., a remarkable gentleman of peace and kindness in this world 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 John Hill, Jr., as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by members of the Missouri Black Caucus: Representatives Amber (Holly) Boykins, Chair, No. 60, Melba J. Curls, No. 41, Yvonne S. Wilson, No. 42, Connie Johnson, No. 61, Craig Bland, No. 43, John L. Bowman, No. 70, Sharon Sanders Brooks, No. 37, Esther Haywood, No. 71, O. L. Shelton, No. 57, Betty L. Thompson, No. 72, Juanita Head Walton, No. 69, Carson Ross, No. 55, and Charles Quincy Troupe, No. 62.

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. 800, adopted March 14, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker