

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of former Kansas Citian Corinthian Clay Nutter on February 11, 2004, at the age of ninety-seven; and

Whereas, a resident of nearby Shawnee, Kansas, at the time of her passing, Corinthian Clay Nutter was born on December 10, 1906, in Forney, Texas, as the third of what would be five siblings in the family of Robert R. Ricks and Roxie Anna Ford; and

Whereas, after a childhood filled with educational and rewarding experiences as well as exposure to segregation and racial intolerance, Corinthian Clay Nutter sought the benefits of education to escape from the life of menial labor engaged in by her parents; and

Whereas, Corinthian Clay Nutter graduated from high school in 1936, completed the junior college program and received a Kansas teaching certificate at Western University in 1938, and earned Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from Emporia State; and

Whereas, while teaching at the all-African American Walker Elementary School in Merriam, Kansas, Corinthian Clay Nutter was involved in the Webb versus the Board of Education trial which laid the groundwork for the Brown versus Topeka Board of Education decision that desegregated public schools throughout the United States; and

Whereas, Corinthian Clay Nutter was a member of numerous civil rights, service, and honor societies, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, she was a 50 year member whose sisterhood she shared with Missouri State Representatives Sharon Sanders Brooks, Esther Haywood, and Juanita Head Walton; and

Whereas, the late Corinthian Clay Nutter is survived by her loving niece, Carolyn Irving-Powell; nephew, Robert Ricks, Jr.; special nephews, Austin Clay Petty, Tyler Austin Irving, and Austin Kline Irving; and godson, Howard C. Petty, Jr.:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and accomplishments associated with Corinthian Clay Nutter and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to her family members, friends, and colleagues who miss her considerable warmth and light in their daily 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 memory of Corinthian Clay Nutter of Shawnee, Kansas.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, #37

Representative Esther Haywood, #71

Representative Juanita Head Walton, # 81

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker