

House Resolution No. 795

Whereas, Morton Reynolds was born to Richard and Serepta (Murray) Reynolds on October 29, 1907, in Wainwright and was living in New Bloomfield on February 21, 2004, when God took him home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light; and

Whereas, Morton Reynolds will be greatly missed by his grieving family whose members include four daughters and one son-in-law, Shirley and Lionel Whitmore, Betty K. Montgomery, Helen K. McDaniel, and Debra Belcher; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Ronald Reynolds and Steven and Debra Reynolds; nineteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; six sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, Morton Reynolds had also nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of his family who preceded him in death, including five siblings, Fay Cole, Earl Reynolds, Ethel Reynolds, Shirley Kemp, and John Reynolds; and

Whereas, Morton Reynolds attended Hawkins one-room schoolhouse and went to work for C&A Railroad at the age of sixteen, following which he found employment opportunities as a farmhand, school bus driver, and supervisor of a farm owned by Lincoln University for twenty-seven years; and

Whereas, Morton Reynolds embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life in 1940, when he married his beloved Helen Whittler, a kind and caring woman with whom he had the privilege of celebrating sixty-three years of wedded success and happiness; and

Whereas, a devout Christian who remembers going to the old Mt. Vernon Church in a horse-drawn wagon as a child, Morton Reynolds declared his love for the Lord at an early age and joined Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in 1941, where he served as treasurer, deacon, and member of the men's choir; was instrumental in groundbreaking efforts for the new Mt. Vernon Church building with his brother, John; and helped the congregation to learn the rich history of the church; and

Whereas, following his retirement from Lincoln University, Deacon Reynolds and his wife built a house on the farmland where he was raised, a warm and comfortable home where he loved to sit on the deck or carport and reminisce about his children and exciting stories of times gone by:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Deacon Morton Reynolds 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 Morton Mack Reynolds.

Offered by _____
 Representative Connie L. Johnson
 District No. 61

Members of the Black Caucus

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. 795, adopted February 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker