

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with true sadness that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse activities in order to acknowledge the death of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious citizens, Luther Bogan of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, born on January 4, 1935, in Saint Louis, Luther Bogan passed from labor to rest on June 17, 2004, at the age of sixty-nine; and

Whereas, Luther Bogan was the only son of Brown and Catherine (Wims) Bogan; received his impressive education in the Saint Louis public school system; served his country in the United States Marine Corps, from which he received an Honorable Discharge; and enjoyed well-deserved induction into the Sumner High School Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, universally praised as a devoted husband and father, Luther Bogan was united in holy matrimony to the former Carolyn Richard on March 3, 1962, in a union which was blessed with the love and affection of a son, Luther Bogan, Jr.; and

Whereas, in addition to supporting his family through his respected labors for General Motors until his retirement after thirty years of service, Luther Bogan made exceptional contributions to the community of Moline Acres as President of the Halls Ferry Township Democratic Club and as the first black elected official to fill the offices of Mayor and Alderman in a twenty-year-long civic commitment during which he proved instrumental in establishing the Annual Moline Acres Picnic and Awareness Day; and

Whereas, Luther Bogan received countless awards and honors throughout his lifetime and will posthumously receive the Unity PAC, LC, award for Outstanding Public Service on Sunday, June 27, 2004; and

Whereas, Luther Bogan was known for his positive outlook, captivating smile, unwillingness to complain, and readiness to lift the spirits of all of those around him; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his mother, the late Luther Bogan is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn; their son, Luther, Jr.; his father, Brown Bogan; one sister, Belverly; two granddaughters, Latisha and Brandi; two sisters-in-law, Mattie Richard Ray and LaRue (Reuben) Terry; nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the highly productive life and work of Luther Bogan and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his many family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who now miss his 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 Luther Bogan of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 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

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