

House Resolution No. 2907

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 W. Fedrick, who passed to his eternal reward on October 1, 2004; and

Whereas, John Fedrick came into this world in Drew, Mississippi, on May 29, 1925, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents James and Fannie Fedrick, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, John Fedrick dutifully served his country in the United States Army during World War II and confessed his love for Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith after moving to St. Louis where he joined Visitation Parish; and

Whereas, always active in several community and religious organizations, John Fedrick co-founded the Jeff-Vander-Lou community organization and compiled an enviable list of service to the Missouri Catholic Congress, M.A.T. social ministry, the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society; and

Whereas, a letter carrier and data processor for the United States Postal Service for twenty-five years, John Fedrick was among a group of African-American Catholics appointed by Archbishop John L. May to participate in the National Black Catholic Congress in 1986; and

Whereas, in 1990, John Fedrick distinguished himself as the first recipient of the prestigious Charles F. Vatterott Jr. Memorial Award for Interracial Justice; and

Whereas, John Fedrick leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Jeanette Clark-Fedrick; his five children, Karen Cox, Cassandra Johnson, John Fedrick, Jr., William Clark, and James Clark; his two daughters-in-law, Rachel Clark and PeChaz Clark; his nine grandchildren, Savannah Dozier, Jacinta Cox, Jarred Cox, Ryeann Clark, Raygan Clark, Rayne Clark, Leo Adams, Netria Adams, and Jeremy Thomkins; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to John Fedrick, 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 W. Fedrick, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2907, adopted May 4, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker