

House Resolution No. 4193

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened to learn of the death of James Irving Threatt on Thursday, August 11, 2005, at the age of eighty-two; and

Whereas, born on February 8, 1923, in Richmond, Virginia, James Threatt graduated from Virginia Union University in 1949, completed his graduate studies in economics at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and received a master's degree in psychology from Temple University in 1964; and

Whereas, from 1974 to 1994 while serving as the Assistant City Manager for Kansas City, Missouri, James Threatt was instrumental in the crafting and promoting of some of Kansas City's most significant development deals, such as the Citadel housing development, Swope Parkway Health Center (now Swope Health Services), Quality Hill, the Vista Hotel (now the Kansas City Marriott Downtown), and a renovation of City Market; and

Whereas, in addition to his service as Assistant Manager for Kansas City, James Threatt also served as the executive director of the Newark, New Jersey, Human Rights Commission from 1965 to 1968, and he served as the first director of Model Cities of Kansas City from 1968 to 1972, and as the director of the Washington, D.C. Model Cities program from 1972 to 1974; and

Whereas, during his long career, James Threatt was committed to elevating African-Americans in both the corporate and economic worlds, to addressing the problems of poverty, low-quality housing, and discrimination in the urban core, and to providing resources on language and literacy through the utilization of early childhood education centers; and

Whereas, James I. Threatt was considered a pioneer and friend of the urban and business community, a gentleman and a man of his word, and one of Kansas City's finest citizens whose imprint will be felt long into the future; and

Whereas, James I. Threatt was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 46 years, Doris Elizabeth Threatt; and is survived by his three sons, Wayne B. Threatt, James Milton Threatt, and Elliott Robert Threatt; his daughter, Lynne Threatt Hollinquest; two sisters and seven grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of the late James I. Threatt and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to all of his family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who now miss his considerable strength, 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 James I. Threatt of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Melba J. Curls, No. 41
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, No. 37
Representative Craig Bland, No. 43
Representative Leonard "Jonas" Hughes, No. 42

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. 4193, adopted August 15, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker