

House Resolution No. 4732

Whereas, it was with saddened hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives noted the death of Bennie Jones on December 23, 2004, at the age of sixty-eight; and

Whereas, a native of Saint Louis, Bennie Jones was born on September 26, 1939, as the youngest of eight children born to George and Fannie Jones; and

Whereas, after attending Washington Tech High School, Bennie Jones faithfully worked for the Board of Education for twenty-two years; and

Whereas, in 1978 Bennie Jones confessed his hope in Christ; got saved, sanctified, and filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the Church of the Living God under the leadership of Pastor Francis Johnson; and subsequently worked in the field of evangelism under Pastor Frances Stepney as a preacher who successfully called souls to Christ; and

Whereas, preceded in death by one brother and three sisters, Bennie Jones is survived by his lovely wife of twenty-six years, the former Barbara Irons; children, Gary (Charon) Wilson, Bennie (Cassandra) Jones, Jr., Brian L. (Sherri) Jones, Darryl Taylor, Bennice (Ronald) King, Kimberly Ann (Mark) Crayton, and Annice Evans; sixteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Andrew, Leray, and George Jones; four brothers-in-law; ten sisters-in-law; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends; and

Whereas, Bennie Jones was a very stylish, fashionable soft-spoken, settled, and spirited man with lots of heart, as was illustrated by his favorite song, "I Won't Complain":

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

Offered by _____
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins
District No. 60

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. 4732, adopted December 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker