

House Resolution No. 3576

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Kenneth H. "Ken" Graves on March 8, 2007, at the age of sixty-six; and

Whereas, born on March 12, 1940, Ken Graves entered the United States Army at the age of fifteen, served eight years in the reserves, and rose to the rank of Sergeant; and

Whereas, Ken Graves continued his education while serving in the Reserves by attending Bailey Tech to study automotive mechanics, after which he was employed by American Can Company; and

Whereas, at the age of twenty-nine, Ken Graves entered the Saint Louis Police Academy to begin a career in law enforcement that would last thirty-six years and involve assignments in the 3rd District; and

Whereas, during his more than three decades as a policeman, Ken Graves continued to work on cars and build Volkswagen engines, and eventually he formed a construction company in partnership with his eldest son; and

Whereas, Ken Graves retired from the police department in 2004, but continued working with the family-owned construction firm; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Janet Marie, whom he married when he was just seventeen years of age, Ken Graves also is survived his three children, Sherman Graves, Kenneth H. Graves, Jr., and Deanna Brewer; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the passing of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Ken Graves:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Ken Graves and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors who now miss his considerable warmth, strength, 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 Kenneth H. "Ken" Graves of Pevely, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Roorda
District No. 102

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3576, adopted May 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker