

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Carl E. Johnson, Sr., of California, Missouri, who passed away on Sunday, May 27, 2007; and

Whereas, born October 1, 1918, to Sophie Christian and Jess Johnson, Carl Johnson attended former Humboldt High School before transferring to Lincoln Lab High School in Jefferson City, from which he graduated; and

Whereas, Carl Johnson attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, after which he enlisted in the United States Army in March of 1941 and served five and one-half years in World War II; and

Whereas, after marrying Ruth Ruby Coleman in 1946, Carl Johnson entered barber school and launched his own business on East Elm Street in Jefferson City, and he has been recognized for owning the longest black-owned business, for over sixty years, in Jefferson City and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, known for his personality and unfaltering efforts in community-based programs and many charitable organizations, Carl Johnson was a member of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church for sixty-eight years, as lay leader for twelve years, a member of the Capital City Lodge No. 9 for sixty-one years, and worthy patron of the Boone County Order of Eastern Star for thirty-three years; and

Whereas, Carl Johnson was the first black disc jockey in the central Missouri area, for KWOS, and he recently retired from hosting a show, "Trip Down Memory Lane", on the Lincoln University public radio station, KJLU 88.9 FM; and

Whereas, Carl Johnson will be profoundly missed by his wife of sixty years, Ruth Johnson, of California, Missouri; four sons, Michael and his wife, Vonda, of Centertown, Missouri, Carl Johnson Jr. and Steven Johnson of Jefferson City, and Marshall Johnson and his wife, Lula, of Columbia, Missouri; two daughters, Barbara and her husband, Ollie Jackson, of Waynesville, Missouri, and Carolyn and her husband, Freddie Johnson, of California, Missouri; fourteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and one step-brother, Harold Ross, of Kansas City, Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Carl E. Johnson, Sr. on this sad occasion; 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 family of Carl E. Johnson, Sr.

Offered by _____
 Representative Shalonn Curls
 District No. 41

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. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker