

House Resolution No. 2276

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of William Southern Carnes on April 4, 2008, at the age of eighty-five; and

Whereas, born on September 6, 1922, into the family of Caroline Southern and Edward K. Carnes, Bill Carnes graduated from William Chrisman High School in 1940 and served in the United States Navy in World War II, during which time he witnessed the destruction at Pearl Harbor and the testing of atomic weapons at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands; served aboard the USS Portland, USS Fall River, and USS Denver; achieved the rank of Gunner's Mate First Class; and received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, a noted attorney, Bill Carnes practiced law until the age of eighty-two, was in the retail paint and wallpaper business for most of his career, was a lifelong member and Deacon Emeritus of First Christian Church, and was a member of the Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post #21; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his parents, an infant son named Thomas William Carnes, his aunt Mary (May) Southern Wallace, and a son-in-law named Michael Jones, Bill Carnes is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Ellen Carnes; children, Jane Ellen Carnes Jones of Overland Park, Kansas; William and Ruth Carnes of Independence; John Charles Carnes of Independence; and Caroline and Bill Gnefkow of Independence; and

Whereas, Bill Carnes also is survived by grandchildren, Andy and Rebecca Carnes, Justin and Neda Carnes, Sally Carnes, Jessica Jones, Janelle Jones, Megan Carnes, Alexander Carnes, and Allison Carnes; great-granddaughter Lynsey Carnes; siblings, Dr. Victor and Frieda Carnes; a niece; and two nephews; and

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

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 Bill Carnes and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, 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 William Southern Carnes of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2276, adopted April 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker