

House Resolution No. 3569

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the achievements of a life gone by, that of Lee Nixon of St. Louis, who was baptized into the hope of God's everlasting light on June 23, 2008; and

Whereas, Lee Nixon came into this world in Marianna, Arkansas, on December 19, 1943, as the fourth of eight children born to proud and loving parents Ardella and IZIAH Nixon, Sr., who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Lee Nixon spent his childhood in West Memphis, Arkansas, where he graduated from Wonder High School before moving to Chicago and beginning his first of many successful businesses; and

Whereas, Lee Nixon dutifully served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1963 to 1967, and decided to make his home in the City of St. Louis in 1971; and

Whereas, Lee worked hard to accomplish his goals and made a name for himself in the St. Louis community as "The Rose Man", spreading love seven days a week by selling his beautiful roses to the citizens of St. Louis and earning their respect and admiration for his gentle nature and for the stylish suit and tie he wore each day; and

Whereas, it was while selling his roses at a St. Louis nightclub that Lee Nixon was gunned down during a random shooting, leaving his family and countless St. Louis residents to mourn his sudden and tragic passing; and

Whereas, a recent participant in the "A Call to Oneness" rally in the hopes of inspiring the young Black men of the City's crime-plagued areas to reclaim respect for others and for the sanctity of life, Lee Nixon will forever be remembered by his children, Michael, Lesia, and Kevan; his grandchildren, Meranda and Martika; his longtime companion, Dora, and her son, Darrell; his sisters, Gloria, Lar, and Daisy; his brothers, IZIAH Jr. and Jerrel; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in paying final tribute to Lee Nixon, a remarkable gentleman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving him; 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 honor of "The Rose Man", Lee Nixon.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

Representative Talibdin El-Amin
District No. 57

Representative Jamilah Nasheed
District No. 60

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. 3569, adopted July 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker