HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5006

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION in memory of Richard Aldrich.

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich, 61, a longtime Wichita union leader, died Friday, December 22, 2000, as the result of an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death Richard Aldrich was the President and Directing Business Representative of the Machinists Union, District Lodge 70. He was a labor leader for over 40 years and was widely known as the working man's friend. At an early age he joined the union while working at Cessna. He served as a member of the negotiating committee and as a steward. He served on the Executive Board for Local 774, was a delegate to District 70, and served on the Executive Board for District 70; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich was elected as Business Representative of District 70 in 1976 and Directing Business Representative in 1980. He served as a delegate several times to the Annual Aerospace Conference and as a delegate to the Machinists Constitutional Convention. In 1986 he was elected President of the Federation of Labor; in 1989 he became the National AFL-CIO organizer. He returned to the Federation of Labor in 1992 when he was elected Business Representative. He was elected President of the Wichita Federation of Labor in 1997 and to his final position in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich was a longtime activist in the Democratic Party. He served as Precinct Committeeman and was a delegate to the State Committee and the 1982 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, a son, Jimmie, and two daughters, Tammy and Belinda: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Aldrich.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Adopted by the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.