

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6018

A RESOLUTION in memory of Bill Levinson.

WHEREAS, William J. “Bill” Levinson, 76, of Junction City and the immediate past state representative for the 65th District of the Kansas House of Representatives, died October 7, 2002. A public funeral service was held for him at the municipal building in Junction City; and

WHEREAS, Bill Levinson was in his first term as a representative and was a candidate for reelection. He had served as a member of the Committees on Business, Commerce and Labor; E-Government; Tourism and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Bill Levinson had a long career of public service. He was a military veteran having served on a submarine chaser in the Navy in the pacific theater during World War II and with the 7th Division of the Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Kansas Department of Transportation with 30 years of service. He served on the Junction City Commission from 1995 to 2001 and as the city’s mayor from 1997 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bill Levinson was a true patriot and booster of his state and community. He didn’t miss a day when the legislature was in session; he started a fund drive to establish the Geary County Historical Society Museum and was instrumental in the downtown revitalization of Junction City; he and his wife painted the city’s fire hydrants with patriotic themes in celebration of our nation’s bicentennial; he worked closely on the project to erect a monument to the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and he sponsored community antique and classic car shows for several years. He had stong feelings about our flag; he cared about people and this caring showed through everything he did. In many respects he was a committee of one when it came to making community events happen; and

WHEREAS, Bill Levinson married Inge Klein in 1958; she survives. They have a son, Ben, a daughter, Ingrid, and three grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of William J. “Bill” Levinson and express our appreciation for the lifetime of devoted service he gave to his city, state and nation; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. William J. Levinson, 337 West Chestnut, Junction City, KS 66441.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*