

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6026

A RESOLUTION in memory of James W. "Bill" Patton.

WHEREAS, James W. "Bill" Patton, 86, of Hiawatha died April 28 at a Hiawatha nursing home; and

WHEREAS, Bill Patton served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1967 through 1970 and was a member of the Committees on Agriculture, Aviation, Banks and Banking, Cities of the Second Class, Soldiers Compensation, Commercial and Financial Institutions, Federal and State Affairs and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was a lifelong resident of Hiawatha, graduating from Hiawatha High School in 1933. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1937. During World War II he served in the Army Air Corps as a B-17 command pilot with the 463rd Bomb Group, having served from 1940 until he was discharged as a Major in 1945. Subsequently he farmed near Hiawatha before becoming a trust officer with the Citizens State Bank of Hiawatha in 1960, a position which he held until his retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hiawatha, Homer-White Post No. 66 of the Hiawatha American Legion, VFW Post No. 5210 of Hiawatha, Hiawatha Kiwanis Club and the Kansas State University Alumni Association. Mr. Patton also was a member of the Brown County Soil Conservation Board and the Kansas Farm Bureau. He volunteered for the Brown County Agricultural Museum of Hiawatha and was the first play-by-play announcer for the American Legion baseball team in Hiawatha; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton married Lyla A. Peterson on March 26, 1943. She survives. They are the parents of a daughter, Nora Patton-Taylor, two sons, Michael Patton and James Patton, and have four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, plus a great-great-grandchild: 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 James W. "Bill" Patton and express our appreciation for the public service he gave to his state and community.

House Resolution No. 6026 was sponsored by Representative Bruce F. Larkin.

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.*