HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6044

A RESOLUTION recognizing, honoring and commemorating the life and service of Representative Harold Lane.

WHEREAS, Today, we recognize and honor the life and service of our late colleague Representative Harold Lane, a dedicated public servant, business owner and lifelong resident of Topeka whose commitment to his community reflected a spirit of service, integrity and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Harold Lane was born on July 1, 1954, in Topeka, Kansas, where he spent his life serving his neighbors and contributing to the vitality of his hometown; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Topeka High School in 1972, Harold honed practical skills in heating, ventilation and air conditioning at Kaw Valley Technical School, reflecting his lifelong passion for hands-on problem solving and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Harold worked at Lane's, his family's grocery store, which evolved into the well-known Lane's BBQ, a family business spanning three generations that he and his wife, Jane, operated with warmth and hospitality until its closing in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Harold's dedication to public service led him to serve on the Topeka City Council, where he worked tirelessly to guide the growth and governance of the city, earning the respect of his neighbors and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, Harold was appointed to the Kansas House of Representatives in 2003 to represent District 58 and was subsequently elected six times, demonstrating the enduring trust and confidence of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House, Harold provided strong legislative leadership while serving on key committees, including Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget, Information Technology, General Government Budget, Energy and Environment, Kansas Security and as the ranking Democrat on the Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee; and

WHEREAS, Harold sponsored and supported legislation that strengthened state budgeting, fiscal responsibility, education funding, local government operations and information technology modernization, demonstrating his commitment to practical, community-centered solutions and effective governance; and

WHEREAS, Known for his warm personality, sense of humor and ability to connect with people from all walks of life, Harold never met a stranger, but instead, he consistently extended a helping hand to friends, neighbors and constituents; and

WHEREAS, After more than a decade of distinguished legislative service, Harold chose to retire in 2015 to prioritize his family and spend more time with his grandchildren, exemplifying his lifelong belief that public service and personal responsibility go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Harold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather whose greatest pride came from his family and the joy he found in nurturing and supporting them to grow and succeed; and

WHEREAS, Harold passed away on June 22, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated public service, steadfast leadership and community spirit that will long be remembered: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize, honor and commemorate the life and service of Representative Harold Lane and celebrate his many contributions to the City of Topeka and the State of Kansas.

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.