

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6009

A RESOLUTION in memory of Vernon L. Williams.

WHEREAS, Vernon L. Williams of Wichita died January 28, 2001, at age 80; and

WHEREAS, Vernon L. Williams served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1953-57 and 1983-91. Positions held while in the House of Representatives included speaker pro tem, chairperson of the Aviation Committee and the Labor and Industry Committee; and

WHEREAS, Vernon L. Williams retired from the Coleman Company in 1986 as the company's vice-president for industrial relations. At the Coleman Company he was known as a dedicated person who knew everyone in the company and had a great zest for life; and

WHEREAS, Vernon L. Williams was a native of Wichita who graduated from North High School and attended Wichita University before joining the United States Coast Guard during World War II. After the war he attended and graduated from Washburn Law School. An excellent athlete, he signed a professional baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals but was unable to fulfill it because of a severe shoulder injury. He was the leading scorer on the Wichita University basketball team in 1941. In later years he was instrumental in raising money for Levitt Arena, and when the University's basketball team wasn't doing well, would exclaim he still had a year of eligibility and was thinking about going back to school to help the team; and

WHEREAS, Vernon L. Williams is survived by his wife, Marjorie, three sons, Michael, T. Patrick and Bill, and five 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 Vernon L. Williams and thank him for the public service he provided to the Kansas House of Representatives and the citizens 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.*