

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6033

A RESOLUTION in memory of Lawrence J. "Larry" Wilbert.

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Wilbert, 87, of Pittsburg, died Thursday, April 22 following a lengthy illness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbert served in the House of Representatives representing the 3rd representative district from 1980 to 1990 and was instrumental in the improvement of state highway 69 from Fort Scott to Pittsburg. He served as vice chairperson of the committee on transportation and as a member of the committee on commercial and financial institutions and the committee on elections; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbert was born March 6, 1917, at Pittsburg, attended Pittsburg public schools and was a 1939 graduate of Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg. He taught school for a year at Chautauqua and then worked for Structural Steel of Kansas City before enlisting in the United States Army in 1943. He served in the Signal Corps in the European Theater of operations. After World War II he returned to his job in Kansas City, worked for the Hutchinson Foundry and Steel Company before returning to Pittsburg in 1965. He founded the Pittsburg Steel and Manufacturing Company and operated it until 1978;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbert served on the Pittsburg Planning and Zoning Commission, was a member of American Legion Post No. 64 of Pittsburg, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Heartland Antique Car Club. He was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church of Pittsburg; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wilbert was a genuinely nice person who was considered a friend by many, not only in the community of Pittsburg, but also across the state thanks to his many friendships fostered while serving in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wilbert served as an inspiration for a new generation of political leaders, including many interns and legislative pages who followed in his example of public service; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wilbert always took the time to make every person he met feel special by listening to their concerns or taking them to lunch at the state cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, He married Virginia Albright on September 19, 1942. She survives at the family home; also surviving are a son, Kenneth L. Wilbert, and two daughters, Jeanette Edwards and Marjorie Dellasega. 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 Lawrence J. "Larry" Wilbert and express our appreciation for the public service he gave to his community and state; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide four enrolled copies of this resolution to Mrs. Lawrence Wilbert, 311 W. Jefferson, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

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.*