

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6046

A RESOLUTION honoring former Representative Al Lane.

WHEREAS, Al Lane, former State Representative for the Kansas 25th District, passed away on October 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane was born July 7, 1932, in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1955. He enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he became a pilot. He then worked for Trans World Airlines for 25 years as both a domestic and international pilot. He retired from TWA in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane began his political career in 1981, serving as a Mission Hills City Councilman until 1985 and Mayor of Mission Hills from 1985-1989. In 1989 he was elected as a Kansas State Representative of the 25th District. He served as the Chairman of the Business, Labor and Industry Committee until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, In the Kansas House, Mr. Lane was well-known to be a true gentleman. His positive attitude went a long way during tense discussions and helped to forge friendships across the aisle. It has been said that his smile was contagious. He was a dedicated public servant who had a strong commitment to his district and fought hard for public education and creating a solid climate for business growth and development; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his civic service, Mr. Lane was also involved with many other organizations, including serving on the vestry at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and being involved with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, who elected him "Man of the Year" in 1993. Despite all of his commitments, his family always came first; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane is survived by his wife, Peggy (Wright) Lane; three daughters, Sheryl Turner and her husband, Rod, of Mission Hills, Kansas, Leslie Bryant of Mission, Kansas, and Linda Coskun and her husband, Battal, of Moorpark, California; a son, Al Lane, Jr. and his wife, Kim, of Louisburg, Kansas; a brother, Daniel F. Lane, Jr. and his wife, Alice, of Columbus, Ohio; six grandchildren, Michael and Megan Turner, Joshua, Ellis and Rachel Bryant and Kaitlyn Coskun; and two step-grandchildren, Jamie and Jason Coskun: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we commend and honor Representative Al Lane for his service to his community, and the state of Kansas. He was selfless with his time and touched the lives of many people. Kansas is a better place because he cared. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.