

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6031

A RESOLUTION recognizing, honoring and commemorating the life and career of Representative Billie Ray McCreary.

WHEREAS, Today, we recognize and honor the life and career of our late colleague, Representative Billie Ray McCreary, familiarly known as Bill McCreary; and

WHEREAS, Bill grew up in Joplin, Missouri, and upon graduating high school, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and moved to Monterey, California, where he studied Russian at the Army Language School; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the Security Service in Germany, Bill served as a paratrooper. He completed 21 jumps over the course of his military career and earned an honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a devoted husband and father to three children; and

WHEREAS, Bill began working in the grocery business and, as a result of his skills and strong work ethic, became manager of a grocery store in Ottawa, Kansas, and later operated several grocery stores with his brother Virgil; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, Bill was an active member of the Wellington First Christian Church and an affiliate member of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He served as president of the local Kiwanis Club and the local Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Gideons Lodge and the Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Upon retiring from a successful career as a grocer and entrepreneur, Bill was elected as Kansas State Representative for District 80, through which he proudly served his constituents and neighbors from 1997 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, While representing Kansas' 80<sup>th</sup> District, Bill served as the chair of the House budget committee and a member of numerous committees, including appropriations, insurance and legislative post audit. He was dedicated to supporting fiscal responsibility and lowering taxes; and

WHEREAS, Through Bill's representation of Kansas' 80<sup>th</sup> district, he focused on recognizing and commending the sacrifices of Kansas veterans, who defended and protected our freedoms. He co-sponsored legislation that identified Kansas veterans afflicted with Persian Gulf War syndrome, lowered fees for license plates purchased by military veterans and provided grants to Kansas Veterans' Experience History Projects; and

WHEREAS, Bill sponsored the establishment of a Kansas 9/11 Memorial in Anthony, Kansas, and co-sponsored the designation of a section of United States Highway 54 as the Veterans Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, Representative Billie Ray McCreary passed away on December 4, 2025, in Kansas City, Missouri. He is survived by his family, whom he cherished and valued above all else: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize, honor and commemorate the life and career of Representative Billie Ray McCreary, and we celebrate his dedication to family, community, public service 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.*