

A RESOLUTION

Celebrating the life and legacy of Roger James “Jim” Davis and honoring his lifelong service to country, community, and family.

Resolution No. XXXXXX

Introduced by Megan L. Marshall

WHEREAS, Roger James “Jim” Davis, a distinguished veteran, public servant, and devoted family man, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2025, at the age of 93 in Kansas City, Missouri, and;

WHEREAS, Jim Davis was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and demonstrated a deep sense of duty from a young age, joining the Air National Guard at 17 and later serving in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and;

WHEREAS, following his military service, Jim earned a degree in Accounting from the University of Denver and built a successful career in the insurance industry, while also raising a loving family and continuing to serve his country in the United States Coast Guard, ultimately retiring as a Captain after 25 years of service, and;

WHEREAS, Jim Davis dedicated decades to civic engagement and community betterment, including over 20 years on the Eastern Jackson County Human Relations and Citizens Commission (EHRCC), where he also served as Chairman, and;

WHEREAS, Jim also served as Chairman of the John Knox Village Finance Committee from 2019 to 2025, applying his financial expertise for the benefit of his community, and;

WHEREAS, in retirement, Jim continued to selflessly serve others by volunteering to drive children in need of medical care to the Shriners Children’s Hospital in St. Louis, rising as early as 3:00 a.m. to make the monthly journey—a testament to his unwavering compassion and generosity, and;

WHEREAS, Jim Davis was a Certified Financial Planner, educator, and Post Commander with the American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21, and also chaired the Jackson County Ethics Commission, and;

WHEREAS, Jim was a proud resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri, where he enjoyed his later years with his beloved wife Jean Davis, celebrating his five children and five grandchildren, and cheering on his MU Tigers, Kansas City Chiefs, and Kansas City Royals, and;

WHEREAS, Jim Davis will be remembered not only for his achievements but for his humility, kindness, and commitment to service, leaving a profound and lasting impact on all who knew him;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby honors the life and legacy of Roger James "Jim" Davis, and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jim Davis as a token of the Legislature's sincere gratitude for his extraordinary life of service.

