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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Bobby Davidson upon his selection by Labor's Educational and Political Club Independent as "Organized Labor's Representative of the Year 2001"

RESOLUTION # 13632, March 26, 2001

INTRODUCED BY Victor E. Callahan, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Labor's Educational and Political Club Independent (LEPCI) Board voted unanimously to honor Bobby Davidson, along with Jim Kabell, as "Organized Labor's Representative of the Year 2001," for his successful efforts to ensure that 1500 Associated Wholesale Grocers union members retained their jobs, jobs that were threatened by a management lock-out; and,

WHEREAS, Bobby assisted in orchestrating a masterful public relations campaign that captured the interest of the news media, allied the public on the side of the union, and united support from organized labor; and,

WHEREAS, he argued skillful appeals that convinced arbitrators and gained the support of the National Labor Relations Board; and,

WHEREAS, Bobby, former President of the Teamsters Local 955, has twenty-two years of management experience; and,

WHEREAS, he honed skills learned while serving in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965 and launched his career with Teamsters Local Union 955 in January 1979, when he was appointed Business Representative; and,

WHEREAS, his position with Teamsters Local 955 gave him an opportunity to assist the President as a functionary in the operation of the union, including contract negotiations, arbitration, organization, and problem solving; and,

WHEREAS, Bobby was elected Secretary-Treasurer/Finance before becoming President of Local 955 in 1996, only to be elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri-Kansas Conference of Teamsters later that same year, and Recording Secretary of Teamsters Joint Council 56 one year later; and,

WHEREAS, Bobby received special training from Harvard University's Advanced Negotiations Private and Public Sector Problem Solving Court, and studied Contract Negotiations-Problem Solving at the University of Missouri and Government Policies Public and Private Sectors Problem Solving at the

