

Senate Resolution 306

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Mr. Billy Ray "B.R." Johnson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Billy Ray "B.R." Johnson passed away on January 30, 2007, while
3 surrounded by his loving wife, Letha, and daughters Linda Manning, Denise Luttrell, and
4 Ann Fowler; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was born in Chester, Illinois, on January 10, 1941, the son of Glenn and
6 Katherine Hapke Johnson; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the family moved to East Carondelet, Illinois, where he attended school, and
8 during high school he was a basketball stand-out, and upon graduation he accepted an
9 athletic scholarship to Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after he graduated from college he was drafted into the Army, where he served
11 as a tank driver from 1964 to 1966 and was honorably discharged; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after completing his military obligation, he began his career with the railroad,
13 and in 2002 he retired from Union Pacific as an engineer with over 36 years of service; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a member of Cape County Cowboy Church in Fruitland, Missouri, and
15 attended Wednesday evening bible study and Friendship First Class; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his family was his greatest joy, and upon marrying Letha Mallady Koch on
17 December 23, 1976, he immediately became father to four children, and he loved them
18 unconditionally; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and son, Robert, and is survived by his
20 wife and daughters, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren,
21 a brother and a sister, and a host of friends and other relatives.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 express regret at the passing of Mr. Billy Ray "B.R." Johnson and convey condolences to his
3 family and friends.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Letha Johnson.