

No. R-438. House concurrent resolution honoring Carl Johnson for his outstanding half-century of public service as a law enforcement officer and for his dedicated work as a Franklin County historian.

(H.C.R.317)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Young of St. Albans City, Branagan of Georgia, Consejo of Sheldon, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gilbert of Fairfax, Howrigan of Fairfield, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, Carl Johnson was sworn in as a member of the St. Albans City police force in 1959, following his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps, and

Whereas, in the early 1960s, he received a commission as a Franklin County deputy sheriff, and

Whereas, during the next 50 years, Carl Johnson became a familiar presence in Franklin County courthouses, and

Whereas, his multiple roles for the Franklin County sheriff's department included service not only as a court officer, but also as a traffic control officer and transport officer, and

Whereas, Carl Johnson always performed his duties as a Franklin County deputy sheriff responsibly and with a strong commitment to providing the best possible law enforcement coverage in whatever role he was assigned, and

Whereas, working as a law enforcement officer was only one aspect of his career as a criminal justice professional, and

Whereas, for many years, Carl Johnson served with distinction as a probation officer with the Department of Corrections, stationed at St. Albans, and

Whereas, beyond his responsibilities in the criminal justice system, Carl Johnson is an avid Franklin County historian whose specialty is local Civil War events, such as the famous St. Albans Raid of October 19, 1864, and

Whereas, he is a veteran caretaker at the Greenwood Cemetery in St. Albans, and

Whereas, although in 2009, illness required Carl Johnson to retire early, in his opinion, from the Franklin County sheriff's department at the young age of 75, he achieved his dream of serving as a law enforcement officer for 50 years which is a rare and special accomplishment few individuals are able to achieve, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Carl Johnson for his outstanding half-century of public service as a law enforcement officer and for his dedicated work as a Franklin County historian, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carl Johnson in St. Albans.