

HB 1559 -- LUCILE BLUFORD DAY

SPONSOR: McCann Beatty

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill designates July 1st of each year as "Lucile Bluford Day" in Missouri and encourages citizens to appropriately observe the day in honor of Lucile Bluford, a journalist and civil rights activist.

This bill is similar to HCR 18 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that Lucile Bluford was a civil rights activist and an African-American journalist, who worked for the Kansas City Call for 70 years. This bill would recognize her accomplishments each year on her birthday, July 1.

Testifying for the bill was Representative McCann Beatty.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.