

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Nancy Reagan.

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan was born Anne Frances Robbins on July 6, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan grew up in Flushing, Queens, before moving with her family to Chicago in 1929. The conservative politics and integrity of her mother's second husband, the neurosurgeon Loyal Edward Davis, had a profound influence on Mrs. Reagan's life; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan attended the Girls' Latin School of Chicago and Smith College in Massachusetts, majoring in English. After graduation she landed a role in the 1946 Broadway musical *Lute Song*, and soon afterward moved to California and signed a contract with Metro Goldwyn Mayer, acting in such films as *The Next Voice You Hear* in 1950 and *Night Into Morning*, which was her favorite screen role; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1949, Nancy Reagan met Ronald Reagan, then president of the Screen Actors Guild. After three years of dating, the couple was married on March 4, 1952, and one of the most celebrated marriages in the history of American politics was born; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected Governor of California in 1967, and Nancy Reagan served in her role as First Lady of California with her trademark dignity and honor. She was named *The Los Angeles Times' Woman of the Year* in 1968, and became involved for the first time with the Foster Grandparents Program, an initiative that would remain close to her heart throughout her husband's political career; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan became the 40th President of the United States in 1980, and Nancy Reagan would leave an indelible mark on Washington and reinvent what it meant to be First Lady of the United States. She was known for her grace and style, and for her unwavering support of her husband, whom she championed at every opportunity. In 1980, she began the famous "Just Say No" campaign, which would go on to become a monumental achievement in America's war on drugs. In 1986, President

Reagan signed a landmark drug enforcement bill into law granting \$1.7 billion in the fight against the drug crisis, and the "Just Say No" campaign was instrumental in the crafting of that legislation; and

WHEREAS, the attempt on President Reagan's life on March 30, 1981, was a pivotal point in Nancy Reagan's tenure as First Lady. During her husband's recovery, Mrs. Reagan vowed to become his protector, a role she would relish for the rest of the President's life. She would remain close by his side as he recovered from the assassination attempt and, later, as he battled with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, after President Reagan's death on June 5, 2004, Nancy Reagan would remain in the public eye, advocating for causes important to her and carrying her husband's unmatched legacy of strong conservatism into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan, a woman of uncommon integrity and strength who would forever change the way Americans thought about the role of the First Lady, departed this earthly life on March 6, 2016, leaving behind a son, Ron Reagan, a daughter, Patti Davis, a stepson, Michael Reagan, and a brother, Dr. Richard Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Senate rightfully mourns the loss of Nancy Reagan on this day, and in so doing the members of this honorable body acknowledge Nancy Reagan's class, her passion, and her unwavering dignity as a wife, a mother, and as the First Lady of this great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Nancy Reagan, and extend heartfelt condolences to her family and to all those who grieve for the loss of this American treasure.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Nancy Reagan.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Robert Stivers II.