

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Rivers Henderson Buford Jr.

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. was born on June 14, 1927, the cherished son of Justice Rivers and Mary Hollingsworth Buford; and

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. was a proud veteran of the United States Army Air Corps Reserve, the United States Navy, and the United States Naval Reserve, where he retired with the rank of Commander; and

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. was a graduate of the University of Florida and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a member of the Florida Bar since 1950 and had served as president of the Tallahassee Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. celebrated a long career on both sides of the bench, serving as judge of the Leon County Claims Court, general counsel to the Florida Board of Education, senior attorney of the Department of Transportation, and the Assistant Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. was a loyal member of St. John's Episcopal Church and had a deep love for his church community; and

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on January 3, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Rivers Buford Jr. was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jack Buford; and sisters Maxine Buford Smith, Martha Buford Hall, and Alice Buford Stubbins. He is survived by his children, Rivers H. Buford III (Jean), Mary Kathryn Buford (fiancé Howard M. Huckaby), and Margaret Ann Buford Finnell; grandchildren, Kathryn Elizabeth Buford, Taylor Finnell, Amanda Finnell, and Spencer Finnell; wife, Barbara Taylor; Barbara's children, Patricia Taylor (Joe Shu), Laurie Taylor Ravkind, and Jeff Taylor Jr. (Gigi); Barbara's grandchildren, Meghan Stewart, Marshall Corry (Karen), Suzanne Ravkind, Hailey Ravkind, Blake Taylor, and Linda Taylor; and Barbara's great-

grandchildren, Rowan Corry and Freyja Taylor;

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 sorrow upon the passing of Rivers Henderson Buford Jr., and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Rivers Henderson Buford Jr.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit seven copies of this Resolution to Barbara Taylor, 3324 Independence Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32312-2021.