

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Joe Ward.

WHEREAS, Joe Ward was born in Iuka, Kentucky on August 22, 1945, the cherished son of J.E. "Jake" Ward and Mattie Van Hooser Ward; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ward was a proud graduate of Murray State University and a self-employed farmer and businessman; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ward served as Livingston County Judge/Executive from 1999 to 2003, and as the longstanding Mayor of Smithland; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ward was a proud member of the Smithland United Methodist Church and an active member of the Livingston County Soil Conservation District, from which he received several five-year certificates for his service, and the Kentucky Farm Bureau, where he served as board president for two two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ward departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on December 12, 2015, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ward was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Grant Ward. He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Cindy; daughters, Sherry Morris and Susan Walker; nephew, Richard Doom; sister, Fayhonna Bradford; brother, Larry "Preach" Ward; grandchildren, Kayla Boone, Kevin Morris, Zack Morris, Chelsea Walker, and Allie Walker; and six great-grandchildren;

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 Joe Ward, 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 Joe Ward.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Dorsey Ridley for delivery to the family.