

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Duanne  
2 Bondurant Puckett.

3           WHEREAS, Duanne Bondurant Puckett is a native of Shelbyville, Kentucky and  
4 daughter of the late Jesse and Ella Puckett; and

5           WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1968 after  
6 nine months in the hospital and physical rehabilitation following an auto accident that  
7 would leave her in a wheelchair but not dampen her spirits; and

8           WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett joined the Shelby County Historical Society in 1971  
9 because of her love of history; and

10          WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett served as a longtime member of Shelbyville First  
11 Baptist Church before she started attending Centenary United Methodist Church in 1988.  
12 There she helped with Vacation Bible School, Children's Sermon Moment, Redwoods  
13 Women's Ministry, and Sanctuary Sunday School class as a teacher; and

14          WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett wrote the column "From the Desk of Bug" for the  
15 Shelby News beginning in 1971. In 1972, when it merged with the Sentinel and became  
16 the Sentinel-News, she took on the roles of Advertising Manager in 1974, Family Living  
17 Editor in 1976, News Editor in 1982, and Editor in 1986; and

18          WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett was honored for her writing with the first President's  
19 Community Service Award from Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. in 1989. She  
20 was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame after 27 years as a journalist;  
21 and

22          WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett worked as Community Relations Coordinator for  
23 Shelby County Public Schools, sharing her love of history, writing, and reading with the  
24 classrooms; and

25          WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett was honored as the Shelbyville Citizen of the Year in  
26 2014 and the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Lincoln Heritage Boy Scout  
27 Council. She also was recognized by the Shelbyville Business and Professional Women's

1 Club Young Careerist and Woman of Achievement, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation  
2 Communication Award, Service Award from Shelby County Dairy Industry, Women  
3 "History Maker" Award from the Kentucky Commission on Women, and the Shelby  
4 County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advocate of the Year Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett founded Leadership Shelby and served as program  
6 chairman and president and was an Alumni of the Year award recipient; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2009, Duanne Puckett and others formed Friends of Grove Hill to  
8 clean and restore older monuments and the cemetery. She would organize walking tours  
9 with "Stories Behind the Stones"; and

10 WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett was an avid reader and member of the Brown Bag  
11 Club at the Shelby County Public Library and worked to collect books for Reading  
12 Reindeer, a program to distribute free books to children in the community; and

13 WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett, devoted daughter, sister, aunt, great-aunt, cousin, and  
14 Christian, departed this earthly life on February 21, 2021, leaving her family, her friends,  
15 and her community in solemn morning; and

16 WHEREAS, Duanne Puckett is survived by her sisters, Terry Puckett Long and  
17 Marsha Puckett James; nephew, Harry "Chip" Long III; niece, Dawn Harrod; great-  
18 nephews, Jesse Harrod, Samuel Harrod, and Reece Harrod; great-niece, Emma Harrod;  
19 surrogate siblings, Mary Jane Yates, Pam Gray, and Jack Brammer; and countless friends  
20 and cousins;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate express their most profound sympathies  
25 upon the passing of Duanne Bondurant Puckett and extend heartfelt condolences to her  
26 family, her friends, and her community for their loss.

27 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving

1 memory of Duanne Bondurant Puckett.

2       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

3 Resolution to Senator Paul Hornback for delivery.