

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Charles W. "Charlie" Berger.

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger was born in Harlan, Kentucky, on January 12, 1936, the cherished son of the late Benjamin Southard Berger and Rebecca Ethington Berger; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger was a proud graduate of Harlan High School, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger began his law career in Harlan in 1962, later joining his brother Robert's law practice in Pikeville until his retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger served under Governor Wendell Ford on the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and in 1979 he was elected to the Kentucky State Senate, where he was chosen President Pro Tempore by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger was a lifelong member of Harlan Baptist Church, the Kiwanis Club, the Toastmasters, and the Sons of the Confederacy. He was honored by the Public Service Commission and the Kentucky State Senate with Distinguished Service Awards, and in 2012 he was inducted into the Harlan Green Dragon Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 14, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Berger was preceded in death by his parents and his sister-in-law, Mina Berger. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Robin Magnani (Steven) and Betsy Williams (Chet); grandchildren, Lexie, Christian, and Caroline; brother, Robert Berger; sisters-in-law, Diane Turner (Harold) and Janet Wilson (Claude); lifelong friend, Ronald Ross; and a host of other family members and friends who will deeply miss his presence in their lives;

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 Charles W. Berger, and on this day stand in solemn reverence upon the passing of their esteemed former colleague.

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

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Joyce Berger, 31 Mosely Lane, Baxter, Kentucky 40806.