

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Lynda Morris Thomas.

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 27, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas was a proud resident of Lexington, Kentucky, and a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas was a longtime educator and volunteer who began her career with Kentucky Educational Television in 1995, when she was hired to lead research and evaluation of the network's professional development program. In 2006, she became the director of KET's professional development and distance learning initiative. She was a regular on KET's Underground Railroad—Passage to Freedom, and was a figurehead in myriad educational and outreach ventures that impacted the lives of Kentucky's teachers, students, and school administrators; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas was a foundation of her community, teaching courses for the University of Kentucky and working for the university's Minority Affairs department, serving on the Bryan Station High School Site-Based Council, on the board of the Lexington Downtown Development Authority, on the executive board of the Lexington Philharmonic, and in the Frankfort/Lexington Chapter of The Links, Inc., a service organization dealing with public health and education; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas was a loyal servant of God who had been active with St. Paul AME Church since arriving in Lexington in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas, the wife of Kentucky State Senator Reginald Thomas, departed this earthly life on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, leaving her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Morris Thomas is survived by her beloved husband and their children, Johanna Rose Thomas, Leonard David Thomas, and William Philip Thomas;

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 deepest and most profound condolences upon the passing of Lynda Morris Thomas, and extend heartfelt sympathy to their esteemed colleague, Senator Reginald Thomas, in this time of loss.

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

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Ray S. Jones II for delivery.