

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor of Reecie Stagnolia, Jr.

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr., a resident of Cumberland, Kentucky, was born to the late Reecie Stagnolia, Sr. and Stella Raichel Stagnolia in Anco, Kentucky on June 22, 1936; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. married Martha Ovana Van Hooser, and together they raised two children and celebrated 56 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. served in the United States Navy and was a member of the Cumberland Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. was an educator who started his career as a classroom teacher, advanced to become vice-principal and then Superintendent of the Harlan County Schools, and served as the Chairman of the Board of Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College and on the board of directors of the Southeast Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. displayed leadership in local government, serving two terms on the Cumberland City Council; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. was a community leader who served as the vice-president and branch manager of the Cumberland Commercial Bank. He served on the board of the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum and the Cumberland Valley Area Development District. A community servant, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr., provided leadership for numerous organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Harlan County Scholarship Committee, the Cumberland Lion's Club, the Cumberland Tourism Commission, and the Sleepy Hollow Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. departed from this earthly life on January 11, 2016, at his home in Knoxville, Tennessee, leaving in solemn mourning his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Allan Van Hooser and is survived by his wife, Martha Ovana Van Hooser Stagnolia; his

children, Reecie Dean Stagnolia, III and his wife, Kathi, and Carole A. McGill and her husband, Charlie; his brothers, Eugene Stagnolia and William Stagnolia; his sisters, Judi Ward and Joan Dienes; four grandchildren, Matthew Stagnolia, Kaitlyn Stagnolia, Sarah Thomas, and Carrie Beeler; four great-grandchildren, Willie, Grey, and Addy Kate Thomas and Chloe Beeler; his sister-in-law, Johnnie Carole Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its deepest and most profound condolences upon the passing of Reecie Stagnolia, Jr., and extends its heartfelt sympathy 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 Reecie Stagnolia, Jr.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Johnny Ray Turner.