

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor of Senator Mitch McConnell upon being elected Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

WHEREAS, there are elected officials, both on the state and national level, who tirelessly protect the tenets of the Constitution and who work, through both effort and intellectual rigor, to set an ethical and moral standard to which all Americans may be rightfully judged; and

WHEREAS, Senator Addison Mitchell "Mitch" McConnell, the senior Senator from the great Commonwealth of Kentucky, is one such elected official; and

WHEREAS, Senator McConnell was born in Sheffield, Alabama, and moved to Louisville in his youth. Educated at duPont Manual High School, the University of Louisville, and the University of Kentucky College of Law, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserve at Fort Knox; and

WHEREAS, Senator McConnell began his political career as an assistant to former United States Senator Marlow Cook. He went on to twice be elected as the Judge/Executive of Jefferson County, and in 1984 he won his first bid for the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, in November 2006, Senator McConnell was elected as Minority Leader, becoming the first Kentuckian to lead his party in the Senate since Alben Barkley in 1949; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, Senator McConnell was re-elected in record-breaking fashion, winning 56 percent of the vote and proving that Kentuckians support his and his party's vision of the future; and

WHEREAS, after the Republican Party picked up nine seats in his chamber, Senator McConnell became the Majority Leader of the United States Senate on January 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Senator McConnell's first words as Majority Leader were, "Mr. President, can we have order?" Vowing optimism and a clear-minded approach to healing

this country's stark divides, he has established himself as a firm voice not only for his country but for his constituents here in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in his 30-year tenure in the Senate, Senator McConnell has spearheaded such acts of legislation as the Small Business Liability Reform Act of 2003, which protected small businesses from excessive litigation, and the Tax Hike Prevention Act of 2010, which would have extended the tax relief measures of 2001 and 2003; and

WHEREAS, Senator McConnell's efforts as a fearless leader who is unafraid to voice his doubts about the opposition's direction while also holding true to the spirit of compromise have solidified him as a legendary Kentuckian, a lawmaker of tremendous skill and passion, and an American of the highest order;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby acknowledge the accomplishments of the Senator from Kentucky Mitch McConnell, congratulate him upon the historic and well-deserved occasion of being named the Senate Majority Leader, and wish him and his wife, Elaine L. Chao, the utmost success as the Senator continues his diligent service to this Commonwealth and nation.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Senator Mitch McConnell.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Jeff Hoover for delivery.