

A RESOLUTION honoring Jimmie Lee.

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee served this Honorable Body for 21 years with the utmost skill, passion, and resolve; and

WHEREAS, beginning his legislative career in 1993, Jimmie Lee served House District 25 and was chair of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources and the co-chair of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee was a relentless advocate for those Kentuckians in greatest need. Always aware of the less fortunate and those Kentuckians unable to help themselves, he sponsored legislation to protect the elderly from exploitation, provided advocacy services for children in crisis, and established medication assistance programs for those who could not afford necessary prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee was the driving force behind legislation authorizing and funding a new facility for the 193-year-old Eastern State Hospital in Lexington, and in June 2014, the Lee Specialty Clinic opened in Louisville bearing the former representative's name and operating in the spirit of humanity and goodwill that Representative Lee espoused during his years of service to this body; and

WHEREAS, in February 2011, Jimmie Lee received the prestigious Jacob Javits Award for Public Service from the American Psychiatric Association. The award, which recognizes individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to helping those who suffer from mental illness, was given to Representative Lee for his dedication to the underserved populations of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, for these achievements and for a lifetime of selfless sacrifice, this body honors Jimmie Lee on this day and commends him for all the work he has done on behalf of the most vulnerable among us;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Jimmie Lee, the former Gentleman from Hardin 25, for his 21 years of service to this body, for the extraordinary humanitarian work he continues to accomplish, and for his unwavering commitment to the greater good.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Jimmie Lee.

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