

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Sherry Ballard.

WHEREAS, Freda Sharene "Sherry" Ballard was a daughter of this Commonwealth, having been born on August 6, 1959 as the cherished oldest child of Edward Till and Betty Ballard; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Ballard was seven and one half months pregnant with her first child when she was tragically murdered in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Ballard family bravely took inspiration from Sherry's own example of quiet fortitude, and provided personal testimony before this body regarding the need for fetal homicide laws in the Commonwealth, joining far too many who had been similarly stricken by the losses of daughters, sisters, nieces, and cousins who were carrying beloved future members of their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Ballard family and others like them received some small measure of justice when the crimes of fetal homicide in the first, second, third, and fourth degrees were added to the Commonwealth's penal code;

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 does hereby express its deepest and most profound condolences to the Ballard family, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to all those who continue to mourn the loss of Sherry Ballard.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Sherry Ballard.

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