

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor of Opal C. Critchfield.

WHEREAS, Opal Critchfield was born in Estill County, Kentucky, the cherished daughter of the late Elva and Mary Wise; and

WHEREAS, Opal Critchfield was the co-founder, along with her late husband, Amos, of Critchfield Meats in 1969. A self-taught cook who learned the trade by watching her mother in the kitchen growing up, she and her husband created a business that has endured for more than three decades and is an integral part of the economic and cultural identity of central Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Opal Critchfield was a proud member of Tates Creek Christian Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years; and

WHEREAS, Opal Critchfield departed this earthly life on January 3, 2015, leaving behind a generation of Kentuckians who grew up shopping at Critchfield Meats and whose lives were made easier and more fulfilling because of the expertise, dedication to craft, and generosity of "The Meat Specialists" on staff; and

WHEREAS, Opal Critchfield was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Hallie Critchfield; her sister, Alene Wise; and her brother, James Wise. She is survived by her sons, Larry Critchfield and his wife, Brenda, Harold Critchfield and his wife, Linda, Michael Critchfield and his wife, Debbie, and Mark Critchfield and his wife, Susan; her daughters, Gail Morrison and her husband, Terry, and Sandra Hudson and her husband, Don; her grandchildren, Warren Hendricks and his wife, Becky, Tim Smith and his wife, Becky, Cassie Perkins and her husband, Derek, Neil Morrison and his wife, Helen, Erin Page and her husband, Michael, Keriann MacElroy and her husband, Dan, Jennifer Ross and her husband, Paul, Benjamin Hudson, Joseph Hudson, Caleb Hudson and his wife, Amanda, and Amos, Anthony, Andrew, Elizabeth, Clayton, Brandon, Nicholas, and Kristopher Critchfield; eight great-grandchildren; her brothers, Wilbert and Alonzo Wise, and her sisters, Thelma Dunaway, Chrystal Ashcraft, Elfreeda Wickizer, Waveline

Dunaway, Mary Alva Fox, and Lynda Parks;

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 expresses its most sincere and profound condolences upon the passing of Opal C. Critchfield, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to her family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

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

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