

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Billy Bruce Grannis.

WHEREAS, Billy Bruce Grannis was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born in Fleming County on August 17, 1925, the cherished son of the late Jack and Lucille Estill Grannis; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bruce Grannis was a lifelong farmer who was active in the Fleming County Farm Bureau, where he served in every leadership program on the board. He also served on the Fleming County Soil Conservation Board, including for three decades as chairman, the Burley Tobacco Growers Co-Operative, the RC&D Council, the Southern States Board, the Fleming County Extension Council, and was the founding member of the Licking River Valley Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bruce Grannis served as a deacon at Flemingsburg Christian Church since the 1960s and was elected Deacon Emeritus in August 2011. He also served on the Christian Education Committee, the Membership and Evangelism Committee, the World Outreach Committee, and the Property Committee; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bruce Grannis was rightfully rewarded for his dedication to this Commonwealth's agricultural industries and the young farmers of Kentucky. Among his many honors are the Master Conservationist award, the Goodyear Conservation Award, the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce "Farmer of the Year," the FFA State Farmer Key, and the Licking River RC&D Certification of Merit; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bruce Grannis departed this earthly life and entered the kingdom of Heaven on January 4, 2015, leaving his family, friends, and an entire community in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bruce Grannis was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Ruth Cotterill; and his brothers, Jackie, Jimmy, Bobby, and Sydney Grannis. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie C. Grannis; his daughters, Karen Newsom and her husband, Bobby, Sharon Barnett and her husband, David, and Nancye Black and her

husband, Billy; his son, Wayne Grannis and his wife, Kim; his grandchildren, Billy Newsom and his wife, Jennifer, Bobby Newsom and his wife, Lynna, Jimmy Newsom and his wife, Virginia, Staci Thrasher and her husband, Nick, Sarah Hamm and her husband, Dustin, Michele Hawkins and her husband, Adam, Melissa Fickey and her husband, Justin, Jennifer Stokes and her husband, Brian, Jill Jones and her husband, Matt, Josh Grannis, and Jordan Grannis; his great-grandchildren, Bryce, Logan, Emily, Ava, Katie, Gracey, Byrdi, Haleigh Jo, Hunter, Clay, Will, Brianna, Bradley, Aubrey, and Brady; his step-great-grandchildren, Brady Poston and Johnny Stokes; his sister, Betty Lou Donaldson and her husband, Nelson; his sisters-in-law, JoAnn Grannis, Loretta Grannis, and Jane Gooding; and his brother-in-law, Bobby Campbell;

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 profound and sincere condolences upon the passing of Billy Bruce Grannis, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his 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 Billy Bruce Grannis.

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