

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Rev. Earl S. Bell.

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was born in Lexington, Kentucky, the cherished son of the late Rom E. and Mary Frances Enlow Bell; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was a proud 1944 graduate of Danville High School who received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College, his master of theology degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, and his master of history degree from the University of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell answered the call to preach the word of God at the age of 16, and had been an ordained Baptist minister for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell had full-time ministries at Southern Baptist churches in Woodford, Boyle, Franklin, and Harlan Counties in Kentucky as well as in Phoenix, Arizona, and Pulaski, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was the pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Frankfort in the early 1950s and Calvary Baptist Church at the Forks of Elkhorn Creek throughout the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, Rev. Earl S. Bell served as chaplain of the Frankfort Career Development Center, and for his efforts with the center he was awarded with the 2009 Commissioner's Award from the Kentucky Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was chaplain emeritus of Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc., and deacon emeritus of the First Baptist Church in Frankfort; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was a member of the Committee of 101, where he served during University of Kentucky basketball games at Rupp Arena and football games at Commonwealth Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was injured by a drunk driver as a young man, an experience that shaped his spiritual and professional life. He served as the state president of the Kentucky Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and tirelessly worked to

successfully lower the legal limit for impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell was a proud supporter of the Hawaii Baptist Academy in Honolulu, and he was a member of the academy's Mainland Advisory Council along with his college classmate and lifelong friend, Dan Kong; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell departed this earthly life and entered the kingdom of Heaven on February 9, 2015, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he had touched through his ministry, his prayer, and his humanitarian service in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Earl S. Bell is survived by his wife, Linda Bell; his daughters, Carey Durrett and her husband, Bill, and Allison Bell; his son, Mark Bell and his wife, Eva; his grandchildren, Angie Parker, Matthew Durrett, Courtney Bell, Jeremy Bell, and John Bell; and his great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Parker;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its deepest and most profound condolences upon the passing of Rev. Earl S. Bell, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and faith community in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Rev. Earl S. Bell.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Julian Carroll for delivery.