

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Jane Gentry Vance.

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance was raised in Athens, Kentucky, and was a direct descendant of one of the original settlers at Fort Boonesboro; and

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance was a celebrated essayist, critic, and poet who was chosen as Kentucky's poet laureate for 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance's work, which often touched on issues of place and community, has influenced a generation of Kentucky poets. Known for collections such as *Portrait of the Artist as a White Pig* and *A Garden in Kentucky*, her poem "A Perfect Day" was featured by Garrison Keillor on his long-running *Writer's Almanac* series on National Public Radio; and

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance earned her bachelor's degree in English from Hollins College, her master's from Brandeis University, and her doctorate from the University of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance spent 40 years as a member of the faculty at the University of Kentucky, where she taught honors courses and creative writing. She won the UK Alumni Association's Great Teacher Award in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance passed from this earthly life on October 2, 2014, leaving her family, friends, and a generation of Kentucky writers who are indebted to the legacy she left behind in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Jane Gentry Vance is survived by her daughters, Lucy Gentry Vance Seligson and Susannah Clayton Vance Gopalan;

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 sincere condolences upon the passing of former Kentucky poet laureate Jane Gentry Vance, and

extends its heartfelt sympathy to her family, friends, and community.

➔Section 2. The Senate acknowledges Jane Gentry Vance's extraordinary career in letters, and commends her posthumously for the indelible mark she left on this Commonwealth's literary community.

➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and out of utmost respect for Jane Gentry Vance.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery to the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences and members of Jane Gentry Vance's beloved family.