

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dorothy Lile Lewis.

WHEREAS, Dorothy Lile Lewis was born the loving daughter of the late Morton and Maude Lile on August 31, 1917. She was raised in the Browder community and was valedictorian at Hughes-Kirke High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis proudly dedicated much of her time to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as a member for over 30 years, and to the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association, serving as a member for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, while Mrs. Lewis' husband worked as a coal miner for 32 years, Mrs. Lewis worked tirelessly as a retail clerk and homemaker to provide for her three daughters and to give them the opportunity of a college education. Her efforts were rewarded as all three daughters have advanced degrees and are successful women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis leaves an exemplary legacy as a devout woman of faith. She was a former member and elder of Central City First Presbyterian, an honorary life member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and a member of Central City First United Methodist Church for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis had a significant family nickname, MeMaw, which means a powerful, sweet God-loving lady. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren considered spending time with MeMaw to be a special treat. As the matriarch, family members approached her for guidance and Godly counsel and revered her as a pillar of education, character, and Christian values; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis, a woman who lived and loved well, departed this earthly life on June 27, 2014, at the age of 96, leaving her family, friends, and an entire community in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Lewis was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband of 73 years, Clarence Martin Lewis; her brothers, Granville,

David, and John; and her sister, Jean Lile Tipton. She is survived by her three daughters, Nancy Harris and her husband, Norman, Brenda Lewis, and Judith Rhoads and her husband, Senator Jerry Rhoads; a brother, William Lile and his wife, Diddle; seven grandchildren, Ron Harris and his wife, Catherine, Sarah Cannon and her husband, Jonny, Greg Ross, Jeannie Ross, David Ross, Bradley Rhoads and his wife, Marilyn, and Christopher Rhoads and his wife, Char; and 16 great-grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate expresses its profound and sincere condolences upon the passing of Dorothy Lile Lewis and extends its most heartfelt sympathy to Senator Jerry Rhoads in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory, honor, and appreciation of the life and legacy of Dorothy Lile Lewis.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit one copy of this Resolution to Senator Jerry Rhoads, 9 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431.