

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Officer Joseph Patrick "Joe Pete" Blakeman.

WHEREAS, Officer Joseph Patrick "Joe Pete" Blakeman was a son of the Commonwealth, having been born in Taylor County, on October 15, 1956, the cherished son of Patricia "Pat" Walsh Blakeman and the late Joe Durham Blakeman; and

WHEREAS, Officer Blakeman was devoted to his career in law enforcement. At the time of his passing, he was serving as a police officer for the City of Greensburg. Prior to that, he was employed with the Lexington Police Department where he served as Captain, the Bluegrass Airport Police, Nicholasville Police Department, University of Kentucky Police, and, in Florida, the Brevard County Sheriff Department and Lieutenant for the Palm Beach County Animal Control. During his life, he was also employed with Greensburg-Double Cola Bottling Company and Coca-Cola Enterprises and he was the former manager for Fred's in Greensburg; and

WHEREAS, Officer Blakeman served his community well as a member of the Greensburg/Green County Volunteer Fire and Rescue and as a volunteer trainer for the Louisville Metro Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Blakeman departed this earthly life at the age of 58 on October 15, 2014, at his home in Green County, Kentucky, leaving his family, friends, and an entire community in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Officer Blakeman was survived in death by his mother; his beloved wife, Daisy Santiago Blakeman; his three sons, Joshua Blakeman, Justin Blakeman, and Jeremy Blakeman; a stepson and stepdaughter, Jack Harsch and Rebecca Harsch; three sisters, Virginia Ann Judd, Libby Cissell and her husband, Todd, and Tracy Clark and her husband, Wes; his mother-in-law, Ramona Santiago; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives who dearly loved him;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sense of sorrow upon the passing of Officer Joseph Patrick "Joe Pete" Blakeman and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory and honor of Officer Joseph Patrick "Joe Pete" Blakeman.

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