

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Chester Delbert Potter.

WHEREAS, Chester Potter was a member of the inaugural Kentucky State Police cadet class in 1948; and

WHEREAS, made up of 26 brave men, the class was dubbed "the Thin Gray Line" and was instrumental in forging the culture of selfless, diligent police work that still stands today in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Chester Potter, who had also served in an artillery unit in World War II and was badly wounded during battle in Italy, served for 27 years as a state police officer before retiring to his native Pike County, where he worked as a detective; and

WHEREAS, a skilled and intelligent officer, Chester Potter was famous for working alone and pursuing suspects through the hills of eastern Kentucky. He was a kind and generous man who was much respected by his fellow officers and who left behind a legacy of sacrifice and courage; and

WHEREAS, Chester Potter departed this earthly life at the age of 94 on January 10, 2015, leaving his family, friends, and all those Kentuckians whose lives are safer today because of the foundation created by the brave men of the inaugural cadet class of the Kentucky State Police, to which Mr. Potter proudly belonged; and

WHEREAS, Chester Potter was the last surviving member of the inaugural State Police cadet class, and this august body rightfully pauses to reflect on the accomplishments and legacies of those 26 men; and

WHEREAS, Chester Potter was preceded by in death by his beloved wife, Helen Branden Potter. He is survived by his sons, William Dennis Potter and Steve Potter; his daughter, Sherry Shepherd; his brother, Herbert Potter; and his sisters, Ruby Vincent and Mabel Miller;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively, hereby express their most profound and sincere condolences upon the passing of Chester Delbert Potter, and extend their 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 honor and loving memory of Chester Delbert Potter.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Sherry Shepherd, 529 North Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.