

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of former United States Senator Marlow W. Cook.

WHEREAS, Marlow Cook departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on February 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Marlow Cook was born in Akron, New York. After serving in the United States Navy, he enrolled in the University of Louisville, earning his bachelor's degree in 1948 and his law degree in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Marlow Cook was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1957 and served two terms as a member of this honorable body. After leaving Frankfort he was elected as Jefferson County Judge/Executive, and in that capacity he oversaw a Republican renaissance in the city. In 1962 he purchased the steamboat *Avalon* for \$34,000 at auction in Cincinnati and ordered it rechristened as *The Belle of Louisville*; and

WHEREAS, Marlow Cook was narrowly defeated by Louis P. Nunn in a bid for Kentucky Governor in 1967, and in 1968 he ran for United States Senate to fill the vacated seat of Thruston B. Morton. Throughout his career in Washington he was seen as fair and compromising and yet dedicated to the conservative cause, and he remains a profound influence on the following generation of Kentucky legislators, including Senator Mitch McConnell, whom Cook hired to his first job in politics; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body today recognizes the many accomplishments and the indelible legacy of former United States Senator Marlow W. Cook; thanks him for his service to the city of Louisville, to the Commonwealth, and to our great country; and stands in mourning upon the loss of one of Kentucky's cherished sons;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives express their most

profound condolences upon the passing of former United States Senator Marlow W. Cook, and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and all those in this Commonwealth whose lives he touched by his public service.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Marlow W. Cook.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Jeff Hoover for delivery to the family.