

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Monica Rath.

WHEREAS, Monica Rath was a 22-year veteran of the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. A certified firefighter, apparatus operator, and emergency medical technician, she was born into a family of firefighters: her father was a 40-year member of the Southgate Fire Department; her husband is a Ft. Thomas firefighter and a volunteer in the Southgate department; and two of her siblings, a stepson, three nephews, and a niece are all proud, courageous members of this Commonwealth's firefighting community; and

WHEREAS, Monica Rath also served as the secretary of the Kentucky Firefighters Association and was the only female member of the executive board; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Monica Rath was diagnosed with follicular lymphoma. She underwent six months of chemotherapy that was thought to have eradicated the disease, but in 2014 the cancer returned; and

WHEREAS, Monica Rath departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 9, 2016, leaving her family, friends, and all those firefighters with whom she worked and all the citizens of Southgate she vowed to protect in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Monica Rath is survived by her husband, Steve Rath, and her children, Chelsie, Michael, Andrew, and Allen (Donnie), and it is with great sadness that the members of this honorable body stand today to honor the courage, selflessness, and sacrifice of this great Kentuckian;

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 hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Monica Rath, and extend heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all those members of "Team Mo" who rallied

around her in her extraordinary fight against cancer.

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

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