

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Lee Roy Cole.

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole was born in Jackson County on September 7, 1927, the cherished son of the late Dooley A. and Myrtle Gabbard Cole; and

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole was the valedictorian at McKee High School and a proud veteran of the United States Army, where he participated in the occupation of Germany; and

WHEREAS, after his service to this great nation, Lee Roy Cole graduated with distinction from the University of Kentucky. He went on to work at Jackson Energy Cooperative, where he started as an office manager before being promoted to Assistant General Manager and then President and General Manager in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole attended the University of Nebraska's Center for Continuing Education, and became the first person in the United States to complete the Advanced Management Curriculum for Rural Electric Cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, as Alternate Director of the East Kentucky Power Cooperative, and in various roles in the Jackson County Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole, a devout man of God and a beloved resident of this Commonwealth, departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 27, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Cole was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 65 years, Mildred Irene Cole; and siblings, Vernon J. Cole and Virginia Kay Sharp. He is survived by his children, Douglas Keith Cole (Debbie) and Beverly Ann Stephens (Dennis); grandchildren, Graham Douglas Cole (Melissa), Ryan Jennings Cole, Morgan Cole

Stephens, and Andrew Connor Stephens; great-grandchild, Ashlynn Rose Stephens; siblings, Lucy Mae Smith, Letha Coffey, and Shirley Medlock; and a host of other family members who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

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 Lee Roy Cole, and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

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

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