

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of James Howard Young.

WHEREAS, James Howard Young was born in Metcalfe County on October 6, 1922, the cherished son of the late John Oren and Effie Shirley Young; and

WHEREAS, James Howard Young was an esteemed educator in Metcalfe and Barren Counties. He began his career teaching World War II veterans, and later taught for three decades at Sugar Plant, Cedar Hill, and North Metcalfe Schools; and

WHEREAS, always passionate about literature, history, art, and so many other subjects, James Howard Young exposed his students to new worlds and experiences with his trademark enthusiasm for life and learning. Always leaning on the lessons gleaned from the three instrumental books that shaped his life—The Bible, *Gone with the Wind*, and the complete works of William Shakespeare—Mr. Young had the gift that all great teachers have: the ability to transfer his passions to his students. A lover of local history, of music, and of the outdoors, Mr. Young became a beloved educator not only because of what he accomplished in the classroom, but also because he had a deep and genuine respect for all of his students; and

WHEREAS, James Howard Young was also known for his 4-H talent shows, plays, and musicals, which were ornately staged and carefully choreographed. He had a particular talent for finding ways to involve his more introverted students, and would often tailor his lessons to the different learning styles his students possessed. For his years of exemplary work in the classroom and for how profoundly he touched his students' lives, Mr. Young was given the Metcalfe County Education Idol Award from the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, James Howard Young, a gifted educator and a beloved son of this Commonwealth, departed this earthly life on April 11, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and his many former students in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, James Howard Young is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gwendolyn

Kirby Young; children, Richard Oren Young and his wife, Cindy, Mary Jane Thistlethwaite and her husband, William, and Fred Kirby Young and his wife, Marla; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; 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 James Howard Young, 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 James Howard Young.

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