

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Willis S. "Bill" Wells.

WHEREAS, Bill Wells was born in Galesburg, Illinois on April 29, 1945, the cherished son of the late Willis "Bill" Wells and Roberta "Bobby" Wells; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells was a proud graduate of Monmouth High School who went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Education from Monmouth College, a master's degree in Guidance/Counseling from Western Illinois University, and master's and specialist degrees from Eastern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells devoted his life to education and to the intellectual and emotional growth of his students. During his career he worked as a middle school teacher, a high school guidance counselor, and a high school principal and assistant principal. He also served as the Director of the Murray Family Resource Center and as a consultant and intern coordinator at Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells led Murray High School to its first Excellence in Education Award and to the prestigious Blue Ribbon Excellence in Education award, and in 1991 he was named Kentucky Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells went on to proudly serve the citizens of his community as a Murray Councilman for 20 years and as Mayor of the City of Murray for one term; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells was the founder of the Random Acts of Kindness Radio Show on WNBS; co-founder of Make a Difference Day at Murray State University; a Paul Harris Fellow; a Court-Appointed Special Advocate; and a member of the CASA Board, United Way, West KY Mentoring, the Original Board of Directors of the Murray Rotary Foundation for Family and Children, and the Rotary Club, where he was named Rotarian of the Year in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on January 23, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wells is survived by his wife of 50 years, Anne Pence Wells; daughter, Shannon Wells; son, Adam Wells; and brothers, Robert Wells (Janis Durr), Randy Wells (Lynette Pellettiere), and J.D. Wells;

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 sympathy upon the passing of Willis S. "Bill" Wells, 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 Willis S. "Bill" Wells.

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