

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of William Amos "Bill" Usher Sr.

WHEREAS, Bill Usher was a native of Graves County and a graduate of Mayfield High School and the University of Kentucky, where he earned his degree in business administration and was an outstanding cadet in the Air Force ROTC. Mr. Usher went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserves, earning the Commendation Medal for his work with the RAF. Although he returned to Paducah to help run his family's business, he would forever remain a fighter pilot in his heart; and

WHEREAS, Bill Usher was the owner and manager of Usher Transport for many years. A pillar of his community and a dedicated public servant, he was the president or chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Greater Paducah Industrial Development, the Rotary Club, the KITM Traffic Club, the Kentucky Motor Transport Association, National Tank Truck Carriers, the Barkley Regional Airport Board of Directors, the Board of Exhibit Management, and the Paducah Country Club. He helped found the GPIDA, Paducah's first development group, and often gave of his time and talent to children's groups and charities in the Paducah area; and

WHEREAS, Bill Usher departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on February 14, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Bill Usher was preceded in death by his parents, Harlan Lunsford and Flora Mae Burradell Usher; first wife, Polly Jane Tucker Usher Fowler; and daughter-in-law, Amelia Houvouras Usher. He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ginger" Sabel Usher; sons, William A. Usher Jr. (Cindy) and Alan W. Usher (Liz); stepdaughter, Karen Elizabeth Reed Alpers (John); stepson, James Boone Reed (Ragan); grandsons, Ryan Lunsford Usher (Jessica), William Patrick Usher, and William A. Usher III; step-grandsons, David Roscoe Reed II, William Murphy Reed, and Ely E. Mazmanians; and

step-granddaughter, Avary Frazier;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of William Amos "Bill" Usher Sr., and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of William Amos "Bill" Usher Sr.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for delivery to the family.