

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of James Fred Leavell.

WHEREAS, James Fred Leavell was born on June 13, 1949; and

WHEREAS, James Fred Leavell was a longtime community activist and a champion of human rights. For his exemplary work in his community, he was recognized by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Oppression with its first annual AL Caples Prison Abolition Award; and

WHEREAS, a recovering heroin addict and former prison inmate, James Fred Leavell overcame tremendous obstacles and dedicated himself to making a positive impact on the lives of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, as Support Services Coordinator with the Louisville Urban League, James Fred Leavell utilized his own personal experiences to work with ex-offenders and to help former inmates reintegrate back into society. He also created the Community Partners Group, which strives to bring various re-entry services and resources together, and Forever Family, a nonprofit program which helps fathers housed at the Dismas Center reconnect with their children; and

WHEREAS, James Fred Leavell served with Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's Violence Prevention Work Group, which was created to help reduce crime and violence in Louisville's West End, and the Prisoner Reentry and Workforce Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, James Fred Leavell, a beloved son of God and a cherished resident of this great Commonwealth, departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 20, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, James Fred Leavell is survived by his wife of 14 years, Faye Russell Leavell; children, James Fred Leavell Jr. (Denitta), Stephen Bland (Cara), Tamera Towns, Jerrod E. Jackson (La'Juana), Kevin Brooks Leavell, and Aubrey R. Williams; siblings,

Charles Leavell (Patricia) and Eunice Robbins; 27 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

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 James Fred Leavell, 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 James Fred Leavell.

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