

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Louis A. Michaels.

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels was born on September 28, 1935, the cherished son of the late Walter and Mary Maholick Michaels; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels attended Swoyersville High School in Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the Staunton Military Academy in Virginia. In 1954 he received a football scholarship to the University of Kentucky, where he would become one of the most celebrated players in the history of the program; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels first made his name at the University of Kentucky as a rising star on the "Kittens" freshman team. Under the tutelage of legendary coach Blanton Collier, Mr. Michaels was a two-time consensus All-American as an offensive lineman, defensive lineman, place kicker, and punter. In 1957 he was selected as the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and finished fourth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels's number 79 was retired by the University of Kentucky in 1990, and two years later he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels played 171 games in the National Football League. Chosen fourth overall by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1958 NFL Draft, he would go on to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Baltimore Colts, and the Green Bay Packers, earning All-Pro honors in 1962 and 1963, and playing in Super Bowl III in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after his playing career Lou Michaels returned to his home state of Pennsylvania and owned two taverns, the L&M and the Lou Michaels Inn. He retired as the athletic director of Luzerne County Prison in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels was a proud and loyal member of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, which ultimately consolidated into St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom

of Heaven after a courageous battle with cancer on January 19, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Lou Michaels was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Stanley, Edward, Joseph, John, and Thomas; sister, Francis; and nephew, Bill. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy; children, Edward (Tina), Matthew (Sara), and Michele Grochocki (Mark); brother, Walt; and grandchildren, Christina, Caitlin, Colby Elizabeth, Louis, and Mary Jane;

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 heartfelt sympathy upon the passing of Louis A. Michaels, and honor him on this day for his profound contributions to the sport of football in this Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Louis A. Michaels.

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