

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Senator
2 Tom Buford.

3 WHEREAS, this august body rightfully honors a dear friend of the General
4 Assembly and a true Kentucky statesman on this day, the late Senator Tom Buford, the
5 esteemed gentleman from Jessamine, Senate District 22; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Buford was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in 1990 and was
7 the second longest-serving member of the current Kentucky Senate. As a freshman
8 legislator, he was elected to serve as the Senate Republican Whip from 1991-1992. From
9 1993 to 1996, Senator Buford served as Senate Republican Caucus Chair; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Buford served on numerous standing, statutory, and special
11 committees of the Legislative Research Commission. Most notably, he was a member of
12 the Banking and Insurance committee since his first term of office and for almost two
13 decades served as its chair; and

14 WHEREAS, during his time in the legislature, Senator Buford was the primary
15 sponsor of more than 450 Senate bills, of which over 100 were passed by the General
16 Assembly; and he sponsored approximately 320 Senate Resolutions, of which almost 300
17 were adopted; and

18 WHEREAS, the enacted legislative initiatives included more than two dozen bills
19 relating to banking and insurance, including legislation regulating banks, insurance
20 companies, pawnbrokers, and money transmitters; legislation regulating the securities
21 industry; and legislation regulating health insurance. Additional topics of legislation that
22 Senator Buford was instrumental in passing involved helping people with disabilities,
23 cancer, and diabetes. In 2008, Tom Buford was the primary sponsor of Senate Bill 58,
24 "Romeo's Law," which expanded the penalty for torture of a dog or cat if the dog or cat
25 suffered physical injury; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Buford is rightfully honored for his service to the Kentucky
27 State Senate and this Commonwealth. His tireless work on behalf of his constituents is

1 justly acknowledged, and his professionalism, wit, and leadership is deeply appreciated
2 by the members of the Senate; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Tom Buford, an esteemed member of the Kentucky General
4 Assembly and cherished husband, father, grandfather, friend, colleague, and community
5 member, departed this earthly life on July 6, 2021, leaving all those whose lives he
6 touched in solemn mourning;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its most profound sympathy upon the
11 passing of Senator Tom Buford, and posthumously thanks him for his three decades of
12 service to this honorable body.

13 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
14 memory of Tom Buford.

15 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
16 Resolution to Senator Donald Douglas.