

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Raymond E. Lape.

WHEREAS, Judge Raymond E. Lape was a tremendously influential member of his community in Kenton County, Kentucky, where he served as Circuit Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Lape was known in his community for his unwavering integrity, professionalism, generosity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Lape received a Bachelor of Science in commerce from the University of Cincinnati and earned his Juris Doctorate from the Chase College of Law in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in his early career, Raymond Lape proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, worked for the U.S. Post Office, and served as a Kentucky State Police trooper. In the private sector, Raymond Lape also worked as an insurance adjuster for two different insurance companies, during which time he attended evening classes at the Chase College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Lape began his legal career at Davies, Nelson, and Taliaferro and later became a partner at Davies, Lape, and Quill, where he had the opportunity to represent some of the citizens of his hometown of Newport, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, while Raymond Lape was in private practice, he continued to unreservedly serve his community in multiple fronts: from 1971 to 1979, he served Kenton County as an Assistant County Attorney; from 1971 to 1978, he served the Newport Police Court as a Judge Pro Tem; and from 1971 to 1976, he served Crescent Park, Kentucky as City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Raymond Lape was appointed as Kenton County Circuit Judge, the position he held until he retired in 1995. During his tenure on the bench, he also served as Chief Regional Judge for the Sixth Region of Kentucky from 1982 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, while in retirement, Raymond Lape was serving as a Senior Retired

Judge, taking special assignments and actively serving as a private mediator throughout Northern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional services, Raymond Lape acted as President of the Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, President of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Alumni Association, President of the Chase Benefactors Club, President of the Campbell County Bar Association, and Treasurer of the Chase College of Law Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Lape was a proud member of the Kentucky Bar Association, Ohio Bar Association, Northern Kentucky Bar Association, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Chase College of Law Alumni Association's Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Raymond Lape were deservedly recognized by the professional and other societies with which he was associated. In 1989, he was named Trial Judge of the Year by the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers; in 2006, he received the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award; and in 2010, he received the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Distinguisher Lawyer Award; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2015, Raymond Lape departed this earthly life and entered the kingdom of Heaven, leaving his family members, friends and the community he served for more than half a century in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Lape was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Lou Lape, and grandson, Kenny Ray Miller. He is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Lape and her husband, Michael Gerwe, and Julie Ann Lape-Abner and her husband, Ken; sons, James C. Lape and his wife, Jackie Cassidy and Jeffrey S. Lape; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby expresses its most profound and sincere condolences upon the passing of Raymond E. Lape, and extends its heartfelt sympathy 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 Raymond E. Lape.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Diane St. Onge for delivery.