

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

With deepest respect and admiration, we pay homage and tribute to Louis Gatewood Galbraith, and we pause in silent reverence for his soul.

WHEREAS, Louis Gatewood Galbraith was born on January 23, 1947, a native son of the Commonwealth and a longtime resident of Lexington, Kentucky, and traversed these earthly bounds on January 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, many words have been used to describe Gatewood; legendary, unique, larger-than-life, iconic, candidate, unconventional, and independent. But Gatewood's own ability to uniquely turn a phrase proudly helped to truly define who he was, and is evidenced by a few of his quotes: "I've got a certain derring-do about me. I'm an explorer for the truth in a jungle of political overgrowth."; "If you like what you see, tell your friends, if you don't, just hush up, ok? I've got enough troubles as it is."; "Petrochemical-pharmaceutical-military-industrial-complex"; "We're going to take the government out of your bedroom, your bloodstream, your brain, your bladder, your business, your billfold, your back pockets, your bingo halls and your Internet bulletin boards."; and finally the title to his 2004 autobiography "The Last Free Man in America: Meets the Synthetic Subversion"; and

WHEREAS, Gatewood was perhaps best known for his advocacy of hemp farming; but he also intently defended individual rights in the streets, in the courtrooms, and on political stages around this Commonwealth and the country; and

WHEREAS, Gatewood was a seasoned politician, having campaigned for political office since 1983. During the last nearly 30 years in Kentucky politics, Gatewood was a candidate for governor five times, for congress twice, and once each for the offices of attorney general and commissioner of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gatewood Galbraith was the son of the late Henry Clay Galbraith and Dollie Elizabeth Gatewood Galbraith; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gatewood Galbraith was a beloved and loving father and is survived by his three daughters, Summer Sears Galbraith, Abby Sears Moldt, and Molly Galbraith;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its profound sense of sorrow upon the passing of Louis Gatewood Galbraith and extends to his family and friends its most heartfelt sympathy.

➔Section 2. The Senate recognizes that Gatewood's presence will be truly missed in Kentucky politics, in his community, and in this entire Commonwealth.

➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory and honor of Louis Gatewood Galbraith.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Abby Sears Moldt, 1161 Ashford Lane, Lexington, Kentucky 40515.