

THE SENATE

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

*2017 Regular Session
Senate Resolution No. 110
Tuesday, February 21, 2017*

Senator Dorsey Ridley introduced the following resolution which was ordered to be printed.

A Resolution adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. William Taylor "Bill" Simpson Jr.

Whereas, born in Newnan, Georgia, in 1927, Dr. Simpson went on to become a standout athlete at Davidson College before leaving to serve his country for the United States Navy in World War II; and

Whereas, upon his return to the United States, Dr. Simpson graduated from college and then moved to Kentucky to teach at the Kentucky Military Institute (KMI); and

Whereas, while at KMI, Dr. Simpson coached basketball for 25 years, completing his master's at the University of Louisville and his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky in 1964; and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson served as president of KMI until its closure in 1976, and then moved to Citizens Fidelity Bank, where he served as senior vice president and head of the trust and investments department until his retirement in 1992; and

Whereas, after his retirement, Dr. Simpson served as a private banking consultant to PNC and was on the board of directors of the Rembrandt Fund, a Chicago mutual fund company, for 10 years. He also served on the boards of directors of the Louisville Community Foundation, the American Red Cross Louisville Chapter of the Bingham Child Guidance Center, the Kentucky Home Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and many other charitable and civic organizations in this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson served on the vestry at St. Francis Church and later joined St. Matthews Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, Dr. William Taylor "Bill" Simpson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on February 6, 2017, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson was preceded in death by his sister, Rebecca; brother, David; and wife, Diane. He is survived by his sons, Kennedy and his wife, Sara, Richmond and his wife, Susan, and Taylor and his wife, Melinda; grandchildren, Tierney Jutzi (Joe), Storey O'Barr (David), Blair Bell (Dustin), Will Simpson, Palmer Simpson, Maclin Simpson, Ryan Simpson, and Darcy Simpson; great-grandchildren, Emery and Grayson O'Barr; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones 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 Dr. William Taylor "Bill" Simpson Jr., 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 Dr. William Taylor "Bill" Simpson Jr.

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