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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS (NCOIL)

Resolution in Honor of Senator Tom Buford, KY

**Adopted by the NCOIL Executive Committee on July 17, 2021*

**Sponsored by NCOIL President Rep. Matt Lehman (IN); Sen. Jared Carpenter (KY); Rep. Joe Fischer (KY); Rep. Deanna Frazier (KY); Sen. Rick Girdler (KY); Rep. Jim Gooch (KY); Rep. Derek Lewis (KY); Rep. Chad McCoy (KY); Rep. Bart Rowland (KY); Rep. Steven Rudy (KY)*

WHEREAS, Thomas Buford served for 30 years in the Kentucky State Senate, having served in the Senate from 1991-2021 after being elected in the 22nd District in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Tom served as Kentucky Senate Republican Whip from 1991-1992 and often as Chair of the Kentucky Senate Banking & Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the legislature, Tom was the primary sponsor of over 450 Senate Bills, over 100 of which were passed by the General Assembly; and he sponsored more than 300 Senate Resolutions, of which almost 300 were adopted by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, these legislative initiatives included over two dozen pieces of enacted legislation relating to banking and insurance, including legislation relating to the regulation of banks, insurance companies, pawnbrokers, and money transmitters; legislation relating to the regulation of the securities industry; and legislation relating to the regulation of health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Tom was proud to be a father and husband to his wife, Carol, and two children, Stephanie and Beau; and

WHEREAS, Tom was an active NCOIL member and participant that demonstrated a strong commitment to NCOIL efforts to preserve and enhance state-based regulation of insurance; and

WHEREAS, Tom passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2021 and NCOIL mourns his loss; and

WHEREAS, NCOIL lawmakers and participants remember warmly the times they worked with, laughed with, and grew to know him as a great legislator and a truly good man in every way; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NCOIL lawmakers Recognize and Honor Senator Buford for his significant personal and professional contributions he made to NCOIL over the years and acknowledges him as a dedicated, extremely effective legislator, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NCOIL, with great appreciation, will send this resolution to Tom's family in honor of his special place in NCOIL history.