

In Memoriam
United States Senator Robert C. Byrd
West Virginia

Whereas, on June 12, 2006, United States Senator Robert C. Byrd became the longest serving U.S. Senator in the history of our Nation;

Whereas, in November 2006, Senator Byrd was elected to an unprecedented ninth full term in the Senate;

Whereas, Senator Byrd held the most leadership positions in the U.S. Senate, as secretary of the majority conference, majority whip, minority leader, majority leader, and president pro tempore of the Senate;

Whereas, Senator Byrd cast more roll call votes than any other U.S. Senator;

Whereas, Senator Byrd served in the U.S. Senate longer than any other U.S. Senator from West Virginia;

Whereas, Senator Byrd was the first West Virginian to have been elected without opposition in a general state election;

Whereas, Senator Byrd was only person to have begun and completed a law degree while serving in the United States Congress;

Whereas, Senator Byrd was the first Senator to have completed a comprehensive history of the U.S. Senate based on his own insights, recollections, and the work of scholars;

Whereas, Senator Byrd departed this world on June 28, 2010, leaving behind two daughters, six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and innumerable friends and colleagues all of whom loved him dearly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments recognizes the many contributions of United States Senator Robert C. Byrd to his country, State and community; extends deepest sympathy to his family and constituents in West Virginia and across the nation; and celebrates a unique and distinguished life well lived.

Adopted by the Executive Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference, July 31, 2010, Charleston, South Carolina.