

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.