



City of Bloomfield

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RESOLUTION 2012-92

WHEREAS, Benjamin (Ben) Tobin Long, a lifelong resident of the Northeast Nelson County area, exemplified his passion for life through his work for his family, community, church and country.

WHEREAS, Almighty God has seen fit to call **Ben Long** to Eternal Rest on Monday, March 12, 2012 at a young 62 years of age. He was preceded in death by first wife Alice Hagan Long and his parents Vernon & Teresa Buckman Long. He leaves behind his wife Sally Marks Long, daughter Tina Long, two sons, Brent and Matthew (Natalie) Long, three grandchildren, Toby, Cate and Ben Long, three step-daughters, Kristen Dugan, Amy (Kevin) Mayhugh, and Molly (Jay) Pierce, one step-son Andrew Dugan, two step-grandchildren, Bryce and Landry Mayhugh.

WHEREAS, Ben Long was a dedicated and faithful servant for the City of Bloomfield serving as Mayor from 1982 through March 30, 1985. He continued serving by accepting the position as Public Works Superintendent overseeing Bloomfield Water & Sewer Systems for 26 years until he retired December 31, 2011.

WHEREAS, Ben Long also served as a volunteer on the Bloomfield Fire Department and the Northeast Nelson Fire District for 35 years (from 1974 to 1999). He served on the Board of Trustees for the Northeast Nelson Fire District filling the Deputy Chief position during part of this time. In year 2000 the Northeast Nelson Fire Department voted Ben as the first recipient of "Fireman of the Year" award.

WHEREAS, Ben Long was a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Church where he worshipped our Lord, Jesus Christ, participating as a lad as an "Altar Boy" at St. Michael's Sunday Masses, then in various roles throughout his adult life. His was an active member and took pride in the St. Michael's Church Choir where there now is a void of his presence and tenor voice.

WHEREAS, Ben Long served his country for 13 years with the Kentucky National Guard Battery C 2nd Howitzer Battalion 138 Artillery. As staff sergeant he retired in the latter 1980s to devote more of his time to the Public Works Superintendent position with the City of Bloomfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR, RHONDA K. HAGAN AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, KENTUCKY, duly assembled, and speaking for the citizens of the City of Bloomfield, that they do hereby express their deep and profound sorrow at the death of **Ben Long** and their everlasting appreciation for his faithful and valuable service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent official records of this City.

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

Date: April 9, 2012