

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. Kenneth Joseph Salvatore Anthony DeSimone.

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born on June 17, 1927, the cherished son of the late Hazel Beatrice Lamb DeSimone Katz and James DeSimone; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone attended Manual High School, but delayed graduation to proudly serve his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps in World War II. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he graduated from the University of Louisville and the University of Louisville Medical School, completing his General Practice internship at UofL in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone returned to the University of Louisville to complete his surgical residency in 1963, and at the time he was the only board-certified surgeon between Louisville and Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone took a position at the newly opened Jane Todd Hospital, where he slept many nights on a gurney between surgical patients. He also maintained a successful office practice and was on call for the emergency room; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone was Chief of Surgery from 1963 until 2013. He also served multiple terms as Chief of Staff, and was Director of Jane Todd Hospital and Green County Primary Care from 2005 until his retirement in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone served as a member of the Green County Medical Society, the Greater Louisville Medical Society, the Kentucky Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the International College of Surgeons, and was a life member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone was an avid outdoorsmen and trap shooter, winning many titles and awards in the sport. His crowning achievement was being a participant in the 1972 Olympic Trial Finals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone was a proud and active member of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-Day Saints; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2014, Dr. Kenneth Joseph Salvatore Anthony DeSimone departed this earthly life and entered the kingdom of Heaven, leaving behind a legacy of exemplary service to his fellow man and an indelible footprint in the field of medicine in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSimone was preceded in death by his stepfather, Ralph Katz, and his father-in-law, James Stearman. He is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Stearman DeSimone; daughters, Lucretia Nimocks and her husband, Steven, and Ann Mattingly and her husband, Bill; sons, Ralph DeSimone and his wife, Victoria, Kenneth "Deke" DeSimone and his wife, Beth, Sean DeSimone and his wife, Mary Beth, and Shane DeSimone and his wife, Tiffany; lifelong friends, Eddie Baker and Doris Bridgewater; mother-in-law, Barbara Stearman; 13 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; half-sisters, Connie, Mary, and Linda; and half-brothers, Joe and Frankie DeSimone;

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 sense of sorrow upon the passing of Dr. Kenneth Joseph Salvatore Anthony DeSimone, and extend their heartfelt condolences to his family in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Dr. Kenneth Joseph Salvatore Anthony DeSimone.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Brenda Stearman DeSimone, 7790 Marshall Ridge Road, Greensburg, Kentucky 42763.