

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of Robert Collin Kratz, M.D.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Kratz was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati
4 Medical School and a proud World War II and Korean War veteran; and

5 WHEREAS, the pioneer of numerous surgical techniques that are in wide use today,
6 Dr. Robert Kratz was one of the early advocates for the founding of St. Luke Hospital in
7 Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and would become one of the first doctors in the world to
8 perform microscopic surgery on the head and neck; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Kratz was a member of the American Laryngological,
10 Rhinological, and Ontological Society (Triological Society), an elite collective of the best
11 ear, nose, and throat doctors in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Kratz was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons
13 and a diplomat of the American College of Facial and Cosmetic Surgery, and he routinely
14 performed free surgeries for patients in Northern Kentucky and in other locales around
15 the world. He also started a community outreach program which provided free hearing
16 tests and counseling for hearing-impaired children; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Kratz was a skilled pilot, an equestrian, an avid golfer, and
18 a talented athlete who had lettered in track and field and football at Withrow High
19 School; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Kratz, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, departed
21 this earthly life on February 23, 2017, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose
22 lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Kratz was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia
24 Daugherty Kratz, M.D.; parents, Florence Vanderhorst Kratz and J. Collin Kratz, D.O.;
25 and brother, Arthur W. Kratz, D.O. He is survived by his brother, Charles Kratz, D.O.;
26 son, Robert K. Kratz, D.O. and his wife, Vanyel, R.N.; daughter, former Kentucky State
27 Senator Katie Stine and her husband, Judge Fred A. Stine V; grandchildren, Rachel,

1 Caroline, David, Fritzie (Margaret), Adam, Ally, and Michael; and a host of other family
2 members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
5 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
7 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Robert Collin Kratz, M.D., and extend
8 heartfelt condolences to their former colleague in the Kentucky Senate Katie Stine and
9 her extended family in this time of loss.

10 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
11 honor and loving memory of Robert Collin Kratz, M.D.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Joseph M. Fischer for delivery to the family.