

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor of Thelma
2 King Ripperdan's 98th birthday.

3 WHEREAS, Thelma King Ripperdan will turn 98 years old on March 17, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Thelma King Ripperdan was born in Concordia in Meade County, and
5 was a longtime employee of the Meade County Sheriff's Office and at nearby Fort Knox;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Thelma King Ripperdan moved to Frankfort in 1978 to live with her
8 daughter, Dr. Angela Wilkins and her husband, Gary. She was instrumental in raising her
9 grandsons, Sean Wilkins and the late Kyle Wilkins; and

10 WHEREAS, in the same year she moved to Frankfort, Thelma King Ripperdan
11 joined Good Shepherd Catholic Church, where she is still proudly a member; and

12 WHEREAS, Thelma King Ripperdan voted in every election held in Franklin
13 County, and remains active by participating in national senior citizens' organizations,
14 especially those which represent the issues of Social Security and Medicare; and

15 WHEREAS, along with her daughter and son-in-law, Thelma King Ripperdan is the
16 beloved "mother" of Sharleen Sonoda and Kevin Ripperdan; and

17 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body pay tribute to those
18 Kentuckians who have had an indelible impact on their families and communities; and

19 WHEREAS, in this spirit, this body acknowledges the long and extraordinary life of
20 Thelma King Ripperdan on her 98th birthday; and

21 WHEREAS, the members also rightfully thank Thelma King Ripperdan for all she
22 has accomplished and encourage all Kentuckians to live by her timeless motto: "Life's
23 Priorities: Faith, Family, Friends";

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Thelma

1 King Ripperdan in honor of her 98th birthday.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 honor of and gratitude to Thelma King Ripperdan.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative James Kay for delivery.