

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Robert  
2 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 Otolaryngological 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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
5 *Kentucky:*

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

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

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
13 Resolution to Senator Wil Schroder for delivery to the family.