

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of Joseph C. Martin.

3 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was born in Dawson Springs, Kentucky in 1926 to the
4 late Joseph and Claudia Wright Martin; and

5 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin graduated from Centre College, where he was a
6 member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and editor of the Centre College Cento and captain of
7 the varsity tennis team for four years; and

8 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin served in the United States Navy as a special ops
9 Frogman. He received the "Outstanding Man of His Naval Unit" and was one of the
10 youngest to command a World War II group in the Pacific Theater of Operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was honored with the Victory Medal, American Theatre
12 Medal, Asiatic-Pacific (Bronze Star) Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal; and

13 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was the youngest editor in Florida at Delray Beach
14 News in Florida, where his newspaper won first place in design at the Florida Press
15 Association Convention in 1950; and

16 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago with a
17 degree in Interior Design; and

18 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was president of Martin-Durr-Caldwell Interior
19 Designers for 45 years; and

20 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin led many groups, including Toliver PTA, Danville
21 PTA, the Centre Alumni Association, the Beta Alumni Association of Centre, and the
22 KSD Museum Committee. He was also the president of the Kentucky Chapter of the
23 National Society of Interior Designers; and

24 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin designed many notable locations, such as the Brown
25 Hotel in Louisville and the Kentucky room for the Daughters of the American Revolution
26 in Washington, D.C., and was an advisor to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and the
27 Natchez Trace pilgrimage, selecting which houses would be involved; and

1 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was a Designer Emeritus with the American Society of
2 Interior Designers and a leading church designer, designing over 140 churches in
3 Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin assisted Danville, Kentucky locally as a President of the
5 Retail Merchants Association and the Architectural Review Board, Chairman of the
6 Board of the First Christian Church, Board of Elders, and a Sunday school teacher for 35
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was honored as a Kentucky Colonel; and

9 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin departed this earthly life on October 13, 2017, leaving
10 those who loved and knew him in solemn mourning; and

11 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin was preceded in death by his parents, his four sisters,
12 Cynthia, Mary Jane, Christine, and Pat; and his son, Gentry Wright Martin; and

13 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin is survived by his wife of 67 years, Frances Caldwell
14 Martin, and his daughter Mary Cynthia Martin Feldman;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
17 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

18 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives offer their most
19 profound sympathy on the passing of Joseph C. Martin and extend heartfelt condolences
20 to his family, his friends, and the community that he served.

21 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
22 honor and loving memory of Joseph C. Martin.

23 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
24 copy of this Resolution to Representative Daniel Elliott for delivery.