

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in loving memory and honor of Gordon Pat  
2 Adkins.

3           WHEREAS, darkness has fallen over the Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, that grim shade arrived with the heartbreaking news that our cherished  
5 friend and long time colleague and compatriot, Gordon Pat Adkins, shockingly passed  
6 after a long, hard-fought struggle that both he and his family bore with exemplary  
7 courage; and

8           WHEREAS, Gordon Adkins was born January 18, 1958, the son of Wanda Rice  
9 Adkins and the late Harvey "Sonny" Adkins; and

10          WHEREAS, Gordon grew up in Frankfort, graduating from Franklin County High  
11 School, and later attending Eastern Kentucky University; and

12          WHEREAS, Gordon was a fixture around this Capitol complex for nearly a quarter  
13 of a century during his service with the Legislative Research Commission, most notably  
14 as its Telecommunications Coordinator, building and maintaining the telephone and  
15 telecommunications wiring systems that allowed the agency to function and conduct the  
16 people's business; and

17          WHEREAS, Gordon had a calm, measured way about him that was often  
18 accompanied by a wry smile and a gentle chuckle, a manner that served him well and put  
19 others at ease when faced with meeting the often overwhelming demands of a legislative  
20 session; and

21          WHEREAS, Gordon loved spending time outdoors golfing, hunting, riding his  
22 ATV, and fishing, especially on his beloved Lake Cumberland; and

23          WHEREAS, a proud Kentuckian, Gordon was a dedicated and loyal University of  
24 Kentucky Wildcat fan as well as a frequent and enthusiastic visitor to Keeneland; and

25          WHEREAS, Gordon especially enjoyed time with his work colleagues as a member  
26 of the LRC team in Frankfort's Commonwealth Golf League, which he captained for over  
27 a dozen years and led to six league tournament titles; and

1           WHEREAS, Gordon enjoyed all of these many pursuits with a huge and varied  
2 network of friends from all over the Commonwealth and beyond, and from all walks of  
3 life. Friends who knew that, in Gordon, they had an ally and a champion who would  
4 support them whenever adversity reared its head; and

5           WHEREAS, above and beyond his love and devotion to his friends and co-workers,  
6 Gordon held a special love and devotion to his wife DeLana, who was his partner and  
7 best friend for 23 years and who stalwartly stood by him daily during his illness; and

8           WHEREAS, Gordon's life and many good deeds were cut short all too soon on  
9 November 3, 2017, leaving a hole in our community that cannot be filled; and

10           WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Gordon is survived by his children, Katherine  
11 Jo Adkins, Ryan Patrick Adkins (Elizabeth), and Samantha Elizabeth Callebs (Jonathan);  
12 his siblings, Bethanie Adkins and Richard Adkins (Emily); and his grandchildren,  
13 Braylee Elizabeth and Aubree Ryann Callebs; and

14           WHEREAS, the passing of Gordon Adkins leaves behind for many of us countless  
15 indelible memories of our time with him, his intelligence, his wit, his sense of humor, his  
16 deeply held sense of responsibility to get the job done and get it done right, but most  
17 importantly, his sense of honor and respect for this Legislature, which will serve as a light  
18 for future generations of public servants;

19           NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
21 ***Kentucky:***

22           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate extend to the family, friends, and  
23 community of Gordon Adkins their deepest condolences upon his passing, and, on behalf  
24 of a grateful Commonwealth, express appreciation for his service to Kentucky.

25           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory and  
26 honor of our eternal friend and colleague, Gordon Adkins.

27           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to DeLana Adkins, 130 Dickinson Drive, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324.