

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dorotha  
2 Smith Oatts.

3           WHEREAS, Dorotha Smith Oatts was born on April 6, 1926, the cherished  
4 daughter of the late Noah H. and Estella Corbin Smith; and

5           WHEREAS, Dorotha Oatts was a graduate of Owingsville High School and the  
6 University of Kentucky. At age 19 she began her teaching career at Old Kentucky Home  
7 School in Bardstown, and her extraordinary career in education would end with her  
8 retirement in 1982 from the Kentucky Department of Education as supervisor of  
9 Vocational Home Economics. She also served as State Associate Adviser for the Future  
10 Homemakers Organization and as an advisor for the Home Economics Teacher's  
11 Organization, and during her stint with the department she would establish the Consumer  
12 and Family Life Skills Program for postsecondary institutions, a curriculum that is still in  
13 use today; and

14           WHEREAS, Dorotha Oatts was an inductee into the Human Environmental  
15 Sciences Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky and the proud recipient of the HES  
16 Outstanding Alumnus Award. An avid volunteer as well as a skilled gardener, she was  
17 involved with many projects to aid in the beautification and betterment of her beloved  
18 Lexington. She served as vice chair on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
19 Corridors Committee; worked with inmates at Blackburn Correctional Complex to  
20 landscape the grounds of the Abundant Life Chapel; coordinated the development of the  
21 prayer garden at her church, First United Methodist in Lexington; as well as many other  
22 projects; and

23           WHEREAS, in recognition of her hard work and her myriad contributions to the  
24 University of Kentucky and its environs, the visitor's center at The Arboretum on UK's  
25 campus was rightfully named in honor of Dorotha Smith Oatts; and

26           WHEREAS, Dorotha Oatts, steward of the earth and beloved wife, sister, and aunt,  
27 departed this earthly life and entered the gates of Heaven on January 16, 2018, leaving her

1 family, friends, and all those whose lives she had touched in solemn mourning; and

2 WHEREAS, Dorotha Oatts was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles  
3 H. Oatts; sister, Mary Smith Burton; brother, Theodore Smith; and nephew, Eddie  
4 Burton. She is survived by her brother, Francis Smith; nieces, Louise Burton Bush, Ann  
5 Hunter Burton, Susie Burton Duhe, Jacky Smith Watson, and Jennifer Smith Vice;  
6 nephew, Barry Smith; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who  
7 will dearly miss her presence in their lives;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound  
12 sympathy upon the passing of Dorotha Smith Oatts, and extend heartfelt condolences to  
13 her family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
15 memory of Dorotha Smith Oatts.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit seven copies of this  
17 Resolution to Louise Bush, 533 Chinoe Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.