

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Robert Lee
2 Patterson, Sr.

3 WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr., a native of Paducah, Kentucky, was born on
4 October 21, 1935, the cherished son of the late Paul Patterson, Sr. and Dorothy L. Bolen
5 Patterson; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of the former Lincoln High School, Robert Lee Patterson
7 Sr. continued his pursuit of excellence by joining the United States Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. returned to his community and became the
9 first African-American Chief of Police for the City of Paducah and the first in the
10 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. was a member of the Fraternal Order of
12 Police, was pivotal in initiating the area's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)
13 program, and aided in establishing the Western Kentucky Narcotics Program; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. was a dedicated member of Burks Chapel
15 African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he actively served in the church's
16 Brotherhood; and

17 WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. departed this earthly life and entered into the
18 kingdom of Heaven on October 8, 2017; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. was preceded in
20 passing by a grandson, a great-grandson, his brother, and three sisters. He is survived by
21 his treasured children, Robert Lee Patterson, Jr., Joseph D. Patterson, Milo D. Patterson,
22 Tracey A. Jefferson, and Je'Na Patterson-Cole; three brothers, Reverend Joe Cole, Paul
23 Patterson, Jr., and Michael Patterson; three sisters, Beatrice White, Dorothy Young, and
24 Dimmia Patterson; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and many other family and
25 friends;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
3 sympathy upon the passing of Robert Lee Patterson, Sr., and extend heartfelt condolences
4 and sentiments of courage to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 memory of Robert Lee Patterson, Sr.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for delivery to the family.