

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Mattie Jo
2 Smith.

3 WHEREAS, Mattie Jo Smith was born on July 1, 1918, the cherished daughter of
4 the late Thomas Arista and Lorena Hill; and

5 WHEREAS, Mattie Jo Smith was a proud 1936 graduate of Benton High School,
6 where she graduated as class valedictorian. She went on to Murray State University, and
7 after graduation began her teaching career in one-room schools in Marshall County. Her
8 esteemed career in education would last until 1980, and after her retirement from the
9 classroom she served for two decades as President of the Marshall County Retired
10 Teachers Association; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2018, Mattie Jo Smith will be inducted into the Kentucky Teachers
12 Hall of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, Mattie Jo Smith was a proud member of the New Harmony Baptist
14 Church, where she taught Sunday and Bible Schools and authored the written history of
15 the church; and

16 WHEREAS, an active volunteer, Mattie Jo Smith served for many years as the
17 Women on Missions Director for the Blood River Association, and is active in the
18 Marshall County Hospital Auxiliary; and

19 WHEREAS, Mattie Jo Smith, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister,
20 departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on January 14, 2018,
21 leaving her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched in solemn mourning;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mattie Jo Smith was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of
24 55 years, Rollie Aubrey Smith; her grandson, John Richard Barnard; and three siblings.
25 She is survived by her daughter, Mattie Susan Barnard and her husband, Jack; son, Phillip
26 Aubrey Smith and his wife, Pamela; her grandchildren, Anne Barnard Schmit and her
27 husband, Don, Amy Barnard Hughes and her husband, John, Brian Smith and his wife,

1 Janette, and Kristen Smith Menonna and her husband, Philip; eleven great-grandchildren;
2 and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss her
3 presence in their lives;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
8 sympathy upon the passing of Mattie Jo Smith, and posthumously thank her for her many
9 contributions to education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

10 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
11 memory of Mattie Jo Smith.

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