

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Reverend
2 Dr. Bernard T. Bishop Sr.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. T. Bishop Sr. was born in Bloomfield, Kentucky to the
4 late Allen Richard and Selena Bishop; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Bishop graduated from Bloomfield Elementary and
6 Jeffersontown, Kentucky schools before going on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in
7 Theology from Simmons Bible College in Louisville. Later, he was awarded an honorary
8 Doctor of Divinity from Hopkinsville College of the Bible; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Bishop acknowledged his call to the ministry and served as
10 pastor of Beargrass Baptist Church in Louisville until 1966 and then moved on to First
11 Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky where he served until his death; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Bishop served his country in the United States Army and
13 served his community as a charter member of the Hub City Lodge #172 in Elizabethtown,
14 Kentucky, a Paul Harris Fellow and member of Elizabethtown Rotary Club, a member of
15 Hardin County Education Foundation on the nominating committee, Chairman of
16 Elizabethtown Housing Authority, and a Kentucky Colonel under Governor Bert Combs;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Bishop ministered to his state and country as Secretary of
19 the Executive Committee of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, Trustee of
20 Simmons Bible College, President of the Elizabethtown/Hardin County Ministerial
21 Association, Grand Chaplain of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
22 Kentucky, President of the Kentucky Baptist Missionary and Education State Convention,
23 Inc., member of the Mission Board of the Kentucky Missionary Baptist Association, a
24 board member of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., and devotional leader of the
25 Kentucky delegates in Washington, D.C.;

26 WHEREAS, Reverend Bishop departed this earthly life and entered the kingdom of
27 Heaven on February 3, 2018, leaving his family, his friends, and the community he served

1 in solemn mourning; and

2 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Reverend Bishop was preceded in death by
3 his wife, Gloria Samuels Bishop; his brothers, William Bishop Sr., Allen Bishop, Joseph
4 Bishop, Elmo Bishop, Robert Bishop, and Theodore Bishop; and his sisters, Thelma
5 Bishop Houston and Anna Bell Hayes; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Bishop is survived by his sons, Anthony Bishop and Bernard
7 Bishop, Jr.; one brother, Augustus Bishop; his brothers-in-law, John Allen Samuels and
8 Jesse Samuels; his sisters-in-law, Barbara Bishop, Dorothy Bishop, and Earlene Bishop;
9 his step grandson, Nayland English; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
12 *Kentucky:*

13 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
14 sympathy upon the passing of Reverend Dr. Bernard T. Bishop Sr. and offer heartfelt
15 condolences to his family, his friends, and all those who loved and knew him.

16 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
17 memory of Reverend Dr. Bernard T. Bishop Sr.

18 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
19 Resolution to Senator Dennis Parrett for delivery.