

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Foster  
2 William "Bill" Swope.

3           WHEREAS, Bill Swope was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 25, 1922, the  
4 cherished son of Lytle E. and Dorothy F. Swope; and

5           WHEREAS, Bill Swope was a proud veteran of the United States Army during  
6 World War II. Serving under General George S. Patton, Mr. Swope served in the  
7 European Theater and bravely fought in the Battle of the Bulge. For his courageous  
8 service he was awarded the French Legion of Honor; and

9           WHEREAS, Bill Swope would return to the United States and graduate from  
10 Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1946. Shortly thereafter he embarked upon a career  
11 in sales, and his interest in automobiles began to flourish in the early 1950s. In 1952, he  
12 opened his first automobile dealership, Swope Motor Company Inc., in Winchester,  
13 Kentucky. Later he would move to Elizabethtown, where he began to grow the empire  
14 that would become the Swope Family of Dealerships; and

15           WHEREAS, Bill Swope was tremendously respected in the industry. He received  
16 the Toyota Quality Dealer Award, the *Sports Illustrated* Quality Dealer Award, and the  
17 *Time* Magazine Quality Dealer Award for his momentous contributions to the field; and

18           WHEREAS, Bill Swope was a staple of his community. He served for two terms on  
19 the Elizabethtown City Council as well as on the Planning Commission, the Public  
20 Housing Commission, and various other community and volunteer organizations such as  
21 the Boy Scouts of America, who recognized him with several commendations for his  
22 service; Hospice of Central Kentucky; the Kentucky Food Bank; Habitat for Humanity;  
23 and the Elizabethtown Lions Club; and

24           WHEREAS, along with his late wife, Betty, Bill Swope was a proud member of  
25 First Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, Elder, trustee, and Sunday school  
26 teacher; and

27           WHEREAS, Foster William Swope, treasured Kentucky businessman; American

1 patriot; and beloved husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life and  
2 entered into the kingdom of Heaven on February 18, 2018, leaving his family, friends,  
3 and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Swope was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty Swope;  
5 brother, Samuel G. Swope; and grandson, James Hornback. He is survived by his sons,  
6 Bob Swope and his wife, Jan, Dick Swope and his wife, Ann, and Carl Swope and his  
7 wife, Anne; daughter, Rev. Katherine Redmond and her husband, Jim; foster daughter,  
8 Angela Keith and her husband, Lon; foster son, Larry Hornback and his wife, Debra; 13  
9 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members, friends, and  
10 loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

14 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound  
15 sympathy upon the passing of Foster William "Bill" Swope, and posthumously thank him  
16 for his service to this great Nation and for his many contributions to the economic and  
17 cultural vitality of Elizabethtown.

18 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
19 memory of Foster William Swope.

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