

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of former  
2 Kentucky State Representative Louis Johnson.

3           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson, former lawmaker, beloved son of Owensboro, and  
4 devoted steward of God, departed this earthly life and entered in the kingdom of Heaven  
5 on December 19, 2017, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in  
6 solemn mourning; and

7           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson was born in Owensboro and educated at Owensboro  
8 Catholic High, Brescia College, and the University of Kentucky, where he received his  
9 undergraduate and his *Juris Doctor* degrees; and

10           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson was a devoted member and Elder of Owensboro  
11 Christian Church, and was a founding member of Owensboro Covenant Church. A humble  
12 servant of God throughout his life, he served on the National Day of Prayer Committee for  
13 many years; and

14           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson served the 13th Legislative District of the Kentucky  
15 House of Representatives from 1978 through 1994; and

16           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson was an educator, a coach, a salesman, a patriot, and a  
17 longtime attorney with Johnson and Presser. A staple of his cherished Owensboro  
18 community, he served in many capacities in the spirit of helping his fellow citizens,  
19 including as the president of the Owensboro-Daviess County Committee on Aging, the  
20 president of the United Way of Owensboro-Daviess County, a member of the Owensboro-  
21 Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors and  
22 executive committee of Leadership Owensboro; and

23           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson's service to the people of Owensboro and to all those in  
24 this Commonwealth are rightfully celebrated on this day, and he is remembered as a  
25 Kentuckian of the highest standing; and

26           WHEREAS, Louis Johnson was preceded in death by his parents, James Junius  
27 Johnson and Martha Elnora Kerrick Johnson, and siblings, Robert L. Johnson and Mary

1 Elnora Johnson Kurz. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Suzanne Jones Johnson;  
2 children, Beth Johnson, Craig Johnson and his wife, Aimee, Ellen Livingston and her  
3 husband, Michael, Keith Johnson and his wife, Holly, and David Johnson and his wife,  
4 Rebecca; several grandchildren; siblings, Donald J. Johnson and his wife, Anna Lee, James  
5 G. Johnson and his wife, Joan, and William V. Johnson and his wife, Diane; and a host of  
6 other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their  
7 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 their former colleague in the General Assembly, Louis  
13 Johnson, and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this  
14 time of loss.

15 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
16 memory of Louis Johnson.

17 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
18 Resolution to Senator Dorsey Ridley for delivery to the family.