

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving  
2 memory of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht.

3           WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that this body stands in mourning on this day  
4 upon the tragic loss of Officer Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht, who was killed in the  
5 line of duty on December 24, 2018; and

6           WHEREAS, Detective Mengedoht was a proud graduate of the University of  
7 Louisville and the Louisville Metro Police Department's Training Academy. In October  
8 2011 she was sworn in, and began her career as a beat officer before becoming a detective  
9 with the 2nd Division; and

10           WHEREAS, in 2011, while she was a recruit in the training academy, Dee Dee  
11 Mengedoht was given an assignment to write her autobiography. In that piece she wrote  
12 about her great love of her family, particularly her son, Todd, calling him "her entire  
13 world. Upon becoming a mother, I was immediately more aware that life, indeed, has a  
14 purpose that cannot be taken for granted." She also wrote about how she was the first  
15 person in her family to go to college, and her desire to become a police officer in  
16 Louisville so that she could give back to her beloved community; and

17           WHEREAS, it is the belief of this august body, and of the citizens of this great  
18 Commonwealth, that law enforcement officers are the backbones of our communities,  
19 and their heroic efforts should be acknowledged by all who benefit from their service; and

20           WHEREAS, it is in this spirit that the members hereby express their appreciation  
21 for the exemplary service of Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht, who gave her  
22 life while courageously serving her community, and who served the city of Louisville  
23 with the utmost distinction, bravery, and heroism; and

24           WHEREAS, Detective Mengedoht was preceded in death by her grandmothers,  
25 Irene Angelillo, Lilly Hefley, Rosie Shaw, and Birdie Cassidy; and grandfathers, Charles  
26 C. Young and Wayne Ackert Sr. She is survived by her beloved son, Preston Mengedoht;  
27 mom and dad, Brenda and Chuck Young; father, Wayne Ackert Jr.; sister, Ashley Lewis;

1 grandparents, Gill and Mary Stotts, Judy Young, and Marie Ackert; and a host of other  
2 family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss her presence in their lives;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
5 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their  
7 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre  
8 Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht.

9 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives extend condolences to  
10 the family of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht, and  
11 to the entire Louisville Metro law enforcement community in this time of loss.

12 ➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
13 honor and eternal gratitude of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee"  
14 Mengedoht.

15 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
16 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jerry T. Miller for delivery to the family.