

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of "King"
2 Kelly Coleman.

3 WHEREAS, "King" Kelly Coleman was born on September 21, 1938; and
4 WHEREAS, "King" Coleman led the Wayland Wasps to a Sweet 16 appearance in
5 1956, earning him recognition as Kentucky's First Mr. Basketball; and

6 WHEREAS, during his career, "King" Coleman set many high school records, the
7 most famous being 4,337 points in his high school career from 1953-1956. He remains
8 the only boy in Kentucky history to ever reach 4,000 career points; and

9 WHEREAS, "King" Coleman's name sits on top of the following all-time records in
10 Kentucky; most points in a single season, most field goals made in a game, and most field
11 goals attempted. He was also one of only 10 players in boys' history to score 75 or more
12 points in a game. He holds the record for most points by any single player in a Sweet 16
13 game (185) and most in a state-tournament game (68) and the most rebounds in a single
14 game (28); and

15 WHEREAS, "King" Coleman went on to play college basketball for Kentucky
16 Wesleyan College in Owensboro where he was named twice as an All-American; and

17 WHEREAS, "King" Coleman was a competitor on the court and true legend in
18 Kentucky's rich basketball heritage and;

19 WHEREAS, "King" Coleman, father, husband, and friend, departed this earthly life
20 on June 16, 2019, leaving his family, his friends, and his community in solemn mourning;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, "King" Coleman is survived by his high school sweetheart, wife, and
23 best friend, Ann Watkins Coleman; his dearest children, Terri Lynn Smith, Kelly Esquire
24 Coleman, and Mary Ann Whitehead; his eleven grandchildren, five great grandchildren;
25 his five sisters, Mary McKean, Linda Florian, Priscilla Webb, Sandra Coleman, Peggy
26 Coleman; his niece Cheryl May; and many other nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is
27 preceded in death by one daughter, Beverly Kay Coleman; one granddaughter, Megan

1 Elizabeth Coleman; his loving parents, Guy and Rusha Coleman; two brothers, and three
2 sisters;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
7 sympathy upon the passing of "King" Kelly Coleman and offer heartfelt condolences to
8 his family, his friends, and his community for their loss.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
10 memory of "King" Kelly Coleman.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Senator Johnny Ray Turner for delivery.