

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. Robert
2 Couch.

3 WHEREAS, Robert Couch was born in Sheffield, Alabama, on November 26,
4 1956, the cherished son of the late Bernard H. and Mary Jo Couch; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Couch graduated with honors from the University of Alabama
6 before receiving his medical degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and a
7 master's in business administration from Auburn University; and

8 WHEREAS, a founding member of Southern Emergency Medical Specialists, Dr.
9 Couch spent his career practicing emergency medicine at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth
10 Hospital and in the Norton Healthcare System. The Director of the Emergency
11 Department at Norton Audubon Hospital, he also served in key roles with the Greater
12 Louisville Medical Society and the Kentucky Medical Association; and

13 WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Dr. Couch was the President-Elect of the
14 Kentucky Medical Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Couch was a passionate advocate for addicted people and had
16 traveled across the country speaking on the issue. He had been recognized for his work as
17 a "Lifetime Hero" by *Louisville Business First* and had frequently testified in Frankfort
18 and Washington, D.C., about those affected by addiction; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Couch departed this earthly life on November 19, 2019,
20 and this august body rightfully honors him for his profound contributions to the field of
21 medicine in this Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Couch was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, John
23 Bernard Couch. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Jo McCaslin Couch; daughters, Mary
24 Claire Couch and Julia Couch; brother, Thomas J. Couch and his wife, Mayme; and a
25 host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence
26 in their lives;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
4 sympathy upon the passing of Dr. Robert Couch, President-Elect of the Kentucky
5 Medical Association, and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and loved
6 ones in this time of loss.

7 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
8 memory of Dr. Robert Couch.

9 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado for delivery.