

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Donald
2 "Don" C. Fightmaster.

3 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born
4 in Louisville on June 13, 1932, to the late V.C. "Jud" and Amanda Stone Fightmaster;
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6 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster graduated from Male High School before going on to
7 earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and a master's degree from
8 Indiana University; and

9 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster proudly served his country as a member of the
10 United States Air Force. During his courageous service, he lost his arm in a jeep accident;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster was an exceptional golfer and one of the founders of
13 the North American one-Armed Golfer Association (NAOAGA). He won the
14 International One-Armed Golfer Tournament twice, the National One-Armed Golf
15 Tournament seven times, and in 1992 won the International Senior One-Armed
16 Tournament in Scotland; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Fightmaster Cup was started in Don's honor. An
18 international competition between the best players from the NAOAGA and the United
19 Kingdom's Society of One-Armed Golfers, the competition is played every two years and
20 follows Ryder Cup rules to name its champion; and

21 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster is a member of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame, the
22 Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame, the Male High School Hall of Fame, and the
23 Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame. In 1979, the Don Fightmaster Foundation for Exceptional
24 Children was founded, and the foundation and its benefactors would go on to help
25 countless local children with special needs; and

26 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster, extraordinary athlete, American patriot, and
27 cherished husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on

1 February 20, 2020, leaving his family, friends, and an entire Commonwealth in solemn
2 mourning; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Fightmaster is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barkley Beard
4 Fightmaster; son, Walter C. Fightmaster (Kris); daughters, Donna Linker (Bill) and Debra
5 Fightmaster (Greg Belviy); stepdaughters, Leah Noe Magers (Rae) and Lori Noe Mohr
6 (Ken); six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members,
7 friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their 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 Donald "Don" C. Fightmaster, and extend heartfelt
13 condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
15 memory of Donald "Don" C. Fightmaster.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Denise Harper Angel for delivery to the family.