

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr.
2 William R. Markesbery.

3 WHEREAS, William R. Markesbery was a son of this Commonwealth, having been
4 born in Florence, Kentucky, on September 30, 1932; and

5 WHEREAS, William Markesbery was a veteran of the United States Army. After
6 returning to Kentucky, he entered the first medical school class at the University of
7 Kentucky in 1960 and graduated with distinction in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, completing his residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital, Dr.
9 Markesbery went on to join the faculty at the University of Rochester School of Medicine
10 and Strong Memorial Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, it was a love of basketball that brought Dr. Markesbery back to
12 Kentucky. He joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1972 and would go on
13 to develop one of the first 10 Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Markesbery would become the director of the University of
15 Kentucky's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, and his commendations and awards for his
16 work in the fields of aging and Alzheimer's research are vast. In 1981, he and
17 collaborators published the first of several studies that explored the causes and symptoms
18 of Alzheimer's, and for this and many other landmark publications he would procure
19 National Institutes of Health funding for more than three decades, and published 410
20 peer-reviewed scientific articles; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those physicians and researchers
22 who make a profound impact in their field, and whose work resonates for years after they
23 have passed from this life; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. William R. Markesbery is thus honored on this day for his work in
25 the field of Alzheimer's research, and the members of this august body rightfully
26 acknowledge his passing on January 30, 2010;

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 honor Dr. William R. Markesbery
4 on this day, acknowledge his landmark research, and posthumously commend him for his
5 extraordinary service to the University of Kentucky and the Sanders-Brown Center on
6 Aging.

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

9 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator John Schickel.