

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. Gerald
2 B. Reams.

3 WHEREAS, Gerald Reams was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born in
4 Lexington on September 17, 1928, to the late George E. and Nelle Brock Reams; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Reams was a proud 1948 graduate of the University of
6 Kentucky who then went on to graduate from the medical school at Northwestern
7 University in 1952; and

8 WHEREAS, after completing an internship at New Orleans' Charity Hospital, Dr.
9 Reams joined the United States Air Force before completing his surgical residency and
10 accepting an assignment at Wimpole Park Air Force Base in London, England; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1960, Dr. Reams returned to Biloxi, Mississippi, and was assigned
12 to Project Mercury, the astronaut recovery program; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1962, Dr. Reams resigned from the Air Force and moved his family
14 to Ashland, Kentucky, where he began a private practice of general and thoracic surgery.
15 A longtime member of the American College of Chest Physicians, he was a fellow of the
16 American College of Surgeons, a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, and served
17 as chief of staff at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and King's Daughters Medical Center;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Reams was an avid farmer who bred world class American
20 Saddlebred horses, many of whom claimed world and national championships. He and his
21 wife were also renowned in the breeding and showing of smooth hair fox terriers, and he
22 was a joint owner of a winning standard poodle at the Westminster Dog Show at New
23 York's Madison Square Garden; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Reams, extraordinary doctor; lifelong farmer and animal
25 lover; and cherished husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on March
26 15, 2020, leaving an entire Commonwealth in solemn mourning; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Reams was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Mary

1 Karolyn Spillman Reams, and brother, Dr. Harold L. Reams. He is survived by his
2 children, Hon. Gerald B. (Mary Beth) Reams, Dr. Mary M. Reams, Dr. Mark (LeeAnne
3 Walmsley) Reams, Carol Reams (George), and Dr. Lynn (Robert) Shelburne; nine
4 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members, friends, and
5 loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the
10 passing of Dr. Gerald B. Reams, and posthumously commends him for his extraordinary
11 contributions to the field of medicine in this Commonwealth.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
13 memory of Dr. Gerald B. Reams.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb for delivery to the family.