

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of E. Bruce
2 Heilman.

3 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born
4 on July 16, 1926, to the late Earl and Nellie Heilman; and

5 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman dropped out of high school at the age of 17 and
6 joined the United States Marine Corps in order to serve in World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, E. Bruce
8 Heilman earned his degree and became president of Meredith College at the age of 40;
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10 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman would go on to serve as president of the University
11 of Richmond, and, like his stint at Meredith College, he would work diligently to help the
12 university become financially sound; and

13 WHEREAS, today the University of Richmond has an endowment of \$2.5 billion
14 and ranks in the top ten in endowment per capita of all American universities; and

15 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman would become a fundraiser and fundraising advisor
16 for the Marine Military Academy, the Marine Corps Museum, Campbellsville University,
17 and several other small colleges across the country; and

18 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman was an engaging and sought-after public speaker
19 into his 90s. Often mixing poetry and humor along with his trademark bits of wisdom, he
20 was the spokesperson of the Greatest GENERATIONS Foundation, traveling across the
21 world to spread the word about the importance of history and the many sacrifices of this
22 country's veterans; and

23 WHEREAS, at the ripe age of 71, E. Bruce Heilman's wife, Betty, gave him a
24 Harley-Davidson, which he happily rode for the next 22 years, traveling across the United
25 States and going on a solo trip to Alaska from Richmond at the age of 88; and

26 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman, beloved university administrator and cherished
27 husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life on October 20, 2019,

1 leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

2 WHEREAS, E. Bruce Heilman was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 65
3 years, Betty June Dobbins; brothers, Roland Heilman and Bob Heilman; and sister, Nancy
4 Ruth; He is survived by his daughters, Bobbie Murphy (Mike) Nancy Cale (Fred), Terry
5 Sylvester (David), and Sandy Kuehl (Fred); son, Tim; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-
6 grandchildren; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will
7 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 E. Bruce Heilman, and extend heartfelt condolences to his
13 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 E. Bruce Heilman.

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