

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of Dr. Bobby "Bob" Miller DeWeese.

3 WHEREAS, this august body rightfully honors a dear friend of the General
4 Assembly and a true Kentucky statesman on this day, the late Dr. Bobby "Bob" Miller
5 DeWeese; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. DeWeese was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born in
7 the La Center community of Ballard County on November 8, 1934; and

8 WHEREAS, raised by his cherished grandparents, Grace and John R. Miller, Dr.
9 DeWeese was drawn to the medical profession early in life by assisting the man who
10 would later become his stepfather, Dr. William Coffee, in his veterinary practice; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. DeWeese began his higher education at the University of
12 Kentucky in 1953 and went on to graduate from the University of Louisville Medical
13 School. He practiced medicine at several hospitals in Louisville, and proudly served as
14 president of the Louisville Surgical Society and chief of staff at multiple institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. DeWeese turned to politics in the 1990s, and it was in this area
16 that he made an indelible mark on the Commonwealth. He was elected to the Kentucky
17 House of Representatives in 1992, and served this body for 24 years as State
18 Representative of the 48th District, including as the Republican Caucus Chairman for 14
19 years; and

20 WHEREAS, after retiring from medicine, Dr. DeWeese became a fierce advocate
21 for healthcare issues in the General Assembly while maintaining his trademark sense of
22 loyalty to his home city of Louisville. He was instrumental in the construction of the
23 Westport Road-Watterson Expressway interchange, and became renowned for his ability
24 to work with Kentucky's colleges and universities. An ardent supporter of the "Bucks for
25 Brains" program, he tried throughout his years in public service to help institutions of
26 higher learning carry out their missions and to see that the Commonwealth's learners were
27 given the opportunity to flourish, just as he had once done; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. DeWeese was honored with the Dr. Nathan Davis Award
2 by the American Medical Association for his work as an outstanding legislator; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. DeWeese was a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville and the
4 University of Kentucky Alumni Association. He served on the University of Louisville
5 Board of Overseers and the UofL Cancer Board, and was an avid supporter of the Healing
6 Place. For the past 16 years he and his beloved wife, Angie, had been members of Christ
7 Church United Methodist; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Bobby "Bob" Miller DeWeese, renowned Kentucky physician;
9 esteemed former member of the Kentucky House of Representatives; and cherished
10 husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom
11 of Heaven on November 25, 2020, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn
12 mourning; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. DeWeese was preceded in death by his grandparents, Grace
14 Buchanan Miller and John Richard Miller; mother, Mildred Miller Coffee; stepfather, Dr.
15 William Marshall Coffee; father, Elbert DeWeese; and son-in-law, Kevin Edward
16 McLaughlin. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Angela DeWeese; children, John
17 Miller DeWeese (Kim), Dr. Robert Craig DeWeese (Susan), Amy DeWeese McLaughlin,
18 and Steven Edward DeWeese (Shannon); and nine grandchildren;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
21 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby express its most profound
23 sympathy upon the passing of Dr. Bobby "Bob" Miller DeWeese, and posthumously
24 thanks him for his more than two decades of service to this honorable body.

25 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
26 honor and loving memory of Dr. Bobby "Bob" Miller DeWeese.

27 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a

- 1 copy of this Resolution to Representative Ken Fleming.