

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Justice
2 Donald C. Wintersheimer.

3 WHEREAS, Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer was born on April 21, 1931, to the
4 late Carl and Marie Wintersheimer; and

5 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer graduated from Newport Catholic High School
6 before receiving an A.B. degree from Villa Madonna College, now Thomas More
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer served his country in the United States Army
9 Infantry from 1953 to 1955; and

10 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer graduated with a Master of Art degree from
11 Xavier University before getting his Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati
12 College of Law; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer began his legal career in private practice and
14 served as City Solicitor for Covington, Kentucky, for 14 years, during which time where
15 he battled the utility companies and won a \$1.3 million refund for Northern Kentucky
16 consumers; and

17 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals
18 in 1976; and

19 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in
20 1982, reelected in three subsequent elections, and served the Commonwealth of Kentucky
21 as a Supreme Court Justice for 24 years before retiring in 2006; and

22 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer taught Business Law at Thomas More College
23 and Kentucky Constitutional Law at the Chase College for Law for over 20 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer was published in a number of legal journals,
25 including the Chase Law Review, New York University Law Review, Temple University
26 Law Review, Albany Law Review, and Quinnipiac University Law Review. He was also
27 the author of the Secrets of the Kentucky Supreme Court published in 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer was a founding member of the Chase Inn of
2 Court; a member of the American Judicature Society, Institute of Judicial Administration,
3 American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects, Board of Visitors of Chase and UC
4 College of Law, Board of Advisors of WNKU, and Foster Parent Review Board; and the
5 president of the Thomas More Alumni Association and Kentucky Municipal Attorneys'
6 Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer was honored to receive the Monsignor Murphy
8 Award, the Lincoln Award, an Honorary Doctor of Law from Northern Kentucky
9 University, Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Cincinnati College of
10 Law, Award for Excellence from Chase College of Law, Distinguished Alumni Award,
11 Community Service Award and Outstanding Teacher Award from Thomas More
12 University, CLE Award from the Kentucky Bar Association, Life Fellow Award from the
13 Kentucky Bar Foundation, Recognition Award from the IOLTA Commission, and Phi
14 Alpha Delta Outstanding Jurist Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer, devoted Roman Catholic and family man,
16 departed this earthly life on February 18, 2021, leaving his family, his friends, and his
17 community in solemn morning; and

18 WHEREAS, Justice Wintersheimer is preceded in death by his parents, and his son,
19 Mark Wintersheimer. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Alice Rabe
20 Wintersheimer; his children, Lisa Wintersheimer Michel, Craig Wintersheimer, Amy
21 Wintersheimer Findley, and Blaise Wintersheimer; his grandchildren, Kyndal Michel
22 Marks, Kristen Michel, Kassidy Michel, Karley Michel, Adam Wintersheimer, Claire
23 Wintersheimer, Elizabeth Wintersheimer, Ashley Findley, Jacob Findley, and Allison
24 Findley; and his great-grandson, Henry Donald Marks;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
27 ***Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate express their most profound sympathies
2 upon the passing of Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer and extend heartfelt condolences to
3 his family, his friends, and his community for their loss.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
5 memory of Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Senator Wil Schroder for delivery.