

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Michael  
2 Dean Bowling.

3           WHEREAS, Michael Dean Bowling was born in Yokohama, Japan, on February  
4 27, 1956, the cherished son of the late Major Charles Edward and Sieglinde Freudenstein  
5 Bowling; and

6           WHEREAS, Michael Bowling was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and  
7 the Northern Kentucky University Chase School of Law. A veteran of the United States  
8 Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, he built a thriving law practice in Middlesboro,  
9 Kentucky, and remained throughout his life a dedicated public servant and staunch  
10 advocate for the citizens of his beloved home community; and

11           WHEREAS, Michael Bowling served as Middlesboro City Attorney and attorney  
12 for the Bell County Board of Education, and was a member of the Kentucky Board of  
13 Education and chair of the Pine Mountain Regional Industrial Authority; and

14           WHEREAS, Michael Bowling proudly served this Commonwealth as State  
15 Representative of the 87th District. During his time as a member of that august body,  
16 Representative Bowling served as chair of the House Judiciary Committee; and

17           WHEREAS, a member of the Kentucky Public Advocacy Commission, Michael  
18 Bowling was a passionate supporter of the Kadasha Foundation, a Christian ministry  
19 funding heart surgeries and orphanages in Haiti; and

20           WHEREAS, Michael Bowling was the worthy recipient of the Arthur Von Briesen  
21 Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and was a champion of  
22 Southeast Community and Technical School and the Appalachian Wildlife Foundation;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Michael Bowling, skilled attorney; American patriot; esteemed former  
25 member of the House of Representatives; and cherished husband, father, grandfather, and  
26 brother, departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on February 20,  
27 2021, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

1           WHEREAS, Michael Bowling is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jamie Shoffner  
2 Bowling; children, Ashley Kraska (Richard), Kentucky State Representative Adam  
3 Bowling (Becky), and Blake Bowling (Taylor); grandchildren, Everly, Elizabeth (Ellie),  
4 Emerson (Emma), Harrison, and William; brothers, Bryan Bowling and Robert (Karla)  
5 Bowling; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly  
6 miss his presence in their lives;

7           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,  
11 hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of former Kentucky State  
12 Representative Michael Dean Bowling; and extend heartfelt condolences to their  
13 colleague in the House, Representative Adam Bowling, in this time of loss.

14           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
15 memory of Michael Dean Bowling.

16           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit ten copies of this  
17 Resolution to Senator Brandon Smith.