

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Ralph
2 Anthony Drees.

3 WHEREAS, Ralph Anthony Drees proudly served as chairman of the board of The
4 Drees Company, one of Cincinnati's and the northern Kentucky area's largest home
5 builders; and

6 WHEREAS, Ralph Anthony Drees was the recipient of several awards, including
7 Builder of the Year, America's Best Builder, the National Housing Quality Award, and
8 the Northern Kentucky Business Person of the Year Award; and

9 WHEREAS, a courageous veteran of the United States Army, Ralph Anthony Drees
10 was a pillar of his community, having served as Judge/Executive of Kentucky County
11 from 2004 to 2010, chairman of the Kentucky County Airport Board, Erlanger City
12 councilman, chairman of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, president of the
13 Home Builder's Association of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky, and chairman of the
14 Area Planning Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2000, Ralph Anthony Drees was inducted into the Greater
16 Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Ralph Anthony Drees, American patriot; esteemed community and
18 business leader; and beloved husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life
19 on March 27, 2021, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

20 WHEREAS, Ralph Anthony Drees was preceded in death by his parents; brothers,
21 Joe Drees and Richard Drees; and grandson, Michael Drees. He is survived by his wife of
22 64 years, Irmaleen Drees; children, David (Karen) Drees, Lynn (Bill) Hemmer, Susan
23 (Glen) Panoushek, Philip (Jennifer) Drees, and Barbara (Richard) Jones; grandchildren,
24 Alexa (Joe), Trey, Ryan, Paige, Scottie, Caitlyn, Sean, Megan, Tad, Weston, Mitchel,
25 Cooper, and Georgia; and great-grandson, Wiley;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the
3 passing of Ralph Anthony Drees, and posthumously thanks him for his many
4 contributions to the northern Kentucky business community.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 memory of Ralph Anthony Drees.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Christian McDaniel for delivery to the family.