

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of James
2 Albert Jones.

3 WHEREAS, James Albert Jones was born in Sparta, Greece, on November 11,
4 1929, to the late Albert A. Yiannis Jones; and

5 WHEREAS, raised in Paducah by his father and his uncle, Pete Yiannis, Albert
6 Jones graduated from Augusta Tilghman High School in 1949. A standout football
7 player, he was offered a scholarship by legendary University of Kentucky Coach Paul
8 William "Bear" Bryant; and

9 WHEREAS, Albert Jones proudly served his country as a member of the United
10 States Army during the Korean Conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, Albert Jones went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky,
12 earning his law degree in 1957. Upon graduation he joined the Federal Bureau of
13 Investigation as a special agent, and in 1964 was elected McCracken County
14 Commonwealth's Attorney, a position he held until 1977; and

15 WHEREAS, Albert Jones was appointed United States Attorney for the Western
16 District by President Jimmy Carter, and he remained in that position until 1981. He
17 practiced law in his beloved Paducah, and in 1986 was elected to the Kentucky General
18 Assembly. He served this honorable body with his trademark compassion and expertise,
19 and wrote several pieces of legislation that stand as law to this day; and

20 WHEREAS, Albert Jones served as Mayor of Paducah, and in that capacity he
21 reinstated the Veterans' Day Parade and was a popular, endearing Mayor who ably and
22 diligently served his community for five years; and

23 WHEREAS, Albert Jones was the recipient of several awards and commendations.
24 A Kentucky Colonel and Duke of Paducah, he was a member of the Bryant Law Center
25 until his death; and

26 WHEREAS, James Albert "Alligator Al" Jones, esteemed attorney; former
27 Kentucky state legislator; beloved former Mayor of Paducah; and cherished husband,

1 father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on February 10, 2021, leaving all those
2 whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

3 WHEREAS, Albert Jones is survived by his wife, Anna Lou Jones; children,
4 Vanessa Jones Sullivan, Tim and Laura Jones, and Stephanie Jones; and grandchildren,
5 Adam, Erin, Matthew, Warren, Evan, and Lindsey;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors their former colleague in the Kentucky
10 General Assembly, James Albert Jones, and posthumously thanks him for his years of
11 service to the people of Paducah and to this Commonwealth.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of James
13 Albert Jones.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for delivery to the family.