

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Julie Ditty  
2 Qualls.

3           WHEREAS, Julie Ditty Qualls was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 4, 1979,  
4 the cherished daughter of Jack and Juanita Ditty; and

5           WHEREAS, Julie Ditty Qualls was a proud graduate of Vanderbilt University,  
6 where she was the school's first female all-American tennis player; and

7           WHEREAS, during her extraordinary career in tennis, Julie Ditty Qualls played in  
8 all four grand slam tennis tournaments and represented the United States in the  
9 Federation Cup. She won 38 United States Tennis Association Pro Circuit  
10 Championships and once defeated the great Venus Williams; and

11           WHEREAS, Julie Ditty Qualls would go on to mentor hundreds of players and  
12 teach free tennis clinics, giving back to the sport she loved throughout her life. Along  
13 with her husband, Josh, she created the Julie Ditty Qualls Foundation in January 2021,  
14 which will serve as an instructional league for youth players; and

15           WHEREAS, Julie Ditty Qualls was also an avid volunteer away from her sport,  
16 helping with Partners and Pride and sending care packages to those in need; and

17           WHEREAS, Julie Ditty Qualls, one of the greatest athletes to ever come out of the  
18 Commonwealth of Kentucky and a cherished daughter, wife, mother, and sister, departed  
19 this earthly life on August 31, 2021, leaving all those whose lives she touched in solemn  
20 mourning; and

21           WHEREAS, Julie Ditty Qualls is survived by her husband, Josh Qualls; her adoring  
22 son, Atreyu; her parents, Juanita and Jack; siblings, Amy (Steve) Lochow, Jay (Charlotte)  
23 Ditty, Jenny (Jay) Kang, Christy (Elias) Hajjar, and Kramer Ditty; and a host of other  
24 family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss her presence in their lives;

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, individually and collectively, hereby  
2 express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Julie Ditty Qualls, and  
3 posthumously thank her for all she accomplished both on the tennis court and as a human  
4 being of the first order.

5           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
6 memory of Julie Ditty Qualls.

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