

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Officer
2 Zachary Dale Cottongim.

3 WHEREAS, Officer Zachary Cottongim's life was cut tragically short on December
4 18, 2021, while selflessly performing his duties as a Louisville Metro Police Officer; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Zachary Cottongim was a graduate from Edmonson County
6 High School and received a degree in Criminal Justice from Daymar College; and

7 WHEREAS, following in his father's law enforcement footsteps, Officer Zachary
8 Cottongim was a seven-year veteran of the Louisville Metro Police Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Zachary Cottongim served as a Probationary Training Officer
10 and was assigned to the First Division. As an officer in the First Division, Officer
11 Zachary Cottongim loved his command staff and team of officers, including patrols with
12 his best friend; and

13 WHEREAS, Zachary Cottongim was a self-described "tech nerd" who loved fishing
14 and playing with his sons. He is remembered as "one of those people you knew was a
15 good soul deep down inside. He was kind and he cared for other people"; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Zachary Cottongim was preceded in death by his grandparents,
17 Patsy and Johnny Shillito, and Betty and Wayne Maggard; and his mother-in-law, Kellie
18 McKenzie. Officer Zachary Cottongim is survived by his cherished wife, Jamie; sons,
19 Riley and Alexander; father, Dale Cottongim; mother, Pamela Perkins; stepmother,
20 Natalie; stepfather, Laumond Hodges; father-in-law, Timmy Decker; brothers, Kase
21 Cottongim and Kyton Smith; sisters, Erica Ellis (Jordan), Jessica Jones (Chad), and
22 Ashley McFelia; nephews, Oaklee Ellis and Carson McFelia; nieces, Remi Ellis and
23 Arieal McFelia; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

24 WHEREAS, the passing of Officer Zachary Cottongim has left a void that cannot
25 be filled and will be mourned across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
3 express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Officer Zachary Cottongim,
4 and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of
5 loss.

6 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
7 memory of Officer Zachary Cottongim.

8 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to the office of Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery to the family.