

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

3 WHEREAS, Michael Abell was born on November 26, 1946, in Bardstown,
4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Abell graduated from St. Augustine Grade School and High
6 School in Lebanon, Kentucky, before graduating from Bellarmine University in 1968; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Abell dedicated his life to serving others in his home state
8 and abroad, as he served as the Bellarmine Student Government President, as a Peace
9 Corps volunteer in Peru, as the Regional Crime Council Director for Lincoln Trail
10 Community Development, as a grant administrator for the City of Bardstown, as Nelson
11 County Judge/Executive, as the Kentucky State Director of Purchasing, as the Chief
12 Financial Officer for the City of Bardstown, and as a contributor to numerous community
13 development organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Abell was proud of his titles and accolades, but he was most
15 proud of his service as a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, cousin, in-law, 'out-law,'
16 neighbor, advocate, problem solver, hiking buddy, and friend; and

17 WHEREAS, Michael Abell was devoted to restoring and maintaining his historic
18 home in Bardstown, as well as any other home into which he was invited; and

19 WHEREAS, Michael Abell had an insatiable curiosity, as he explored the world
20 and its many cultures, traveling throughout every chapter of his life. Extensive
21 international travel and long backpacking trips became passions after his second
22 retirement; and

23 WHEREAS, Michael Abell was an avid reader and particularly enjoyed works of
24 nonfiction; and

25 WHEREAS, Michael Abell was loved dearly by his wife Sheila, two children, six
26 siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews, and countless others;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the
4 passing of Michael Abell and expresses heartfelt condolences to his family 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 Michael Abell.

8 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery to the family.