

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of William
2 "Billy" Dennis Whitlock.

3 WHEREAS, Billy Whitlock was a native son of the Commonwealth, born on
4 August 29, 1934, to Willie and Estella Carter Whitlock. He was co-captain of his high
5 school football team at Central High School. Upon graduation in 1954, Billy Whitlock
6 attended Kentucky State University for a year prior to enlisting in the United States Air
7 Force; and

8 WHEREAS, as a member of the United States Air Force, Billy Whitlock was
9 trained as a professional airplane mechanic. During his service, he lived and traveled
10 across the United States and Japan. After serving our country for 20 years, Billy Whitlock
11 retired as Master Sergeant, Aircraft Pneudraulic Repair Technician; and

12 WHEREAS, upon returning to his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, Billy
13 Whitlock transitioned from working with aircraft to the automobile industry, working as a
14 car salesman for Bob Smith Chevrolet and a supervisor at B.F. Goodrich Tire Company.
15 Public service was never too far from Billy Whitlock's heart and he worked at the Naval
16 Ordnance Station, which he retired from to have a combined 25 years of faithful service
17 to the United States government; and

18 WHEREAS, upon full retirement, Billy Whitlock and the love of his life, Carolyn,
19 were able to travel to over 20 states and cruise to the Bahamas; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2008, Billy Whitlock was one of the founding trustees of the Spirit
21 Filled New Life Church Ministries. In 2013, he became an ordained Deacon under the
22 leadership of founding pastor Bishop Dr. Steven M. Kelsey, Billy Whitlock's faithful son-
23 in-law. Billy Whitlock devotedly served in the ministry until the health of his wife began
24 to fail, but continued supporting the ministry financially; and

25 WHEREAS, Billy Whitlock was considered a "Jack of all trades," and would tinker
26 on anything broken and collect "junk" to accumulate, along with his other habits of
27 working on cars, listening to jazz music, reading his Bible and the newspaper, or

1 watching the Stock Market channel or horse racing. Doing all of this, Billy Whitlock
2 never met a stranger and was always there for his beloved family; and

3 WHEREAS, Billy Whitlock was a good man, admired by many, and respected by
4 family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will
5 continue to shine through their memories; and

6 WHEREAS, Billy Whitlock passed away on January 23, 2022, and is preceded in
7 death by his parents, Willie and Estella Whitlock; his cherished wife of 65 years, Carolyn
8 Whitlock; his eldest son, Richard Whitlock, Sr.; and siblings Rudolph Whitlock, Donnie
9 Whitlock, Norma Jean White, and Beatrice Steen. He leaves behind to treasure his
10 memory and honor his legacy his children, Diane (Steven) Kelsey and Carl Whitlock;
11 grandchildren, April Fleming McKinnie, Rico White, Richard Whitlock, Jr., Amaris
12 Kelsey, Josiah Kelsey, and Whitney Kelsey; great-grandchildren, Jaimee, Jalynn, Devon,
13 Rico Jr., Messiah, Tel'Nesha, and Jurnee; siblings, Frank (Sylvia) Whitlock, James
14 Whitlock, and Eva Moss; and heartfelt loved ones (Aldean) Renisha "Patsy," Al'Lisha,
15 and Nelson, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
18 *Kentucky:*

19 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
20 hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of William "Billy" Dennis
21 Whitlock, and extend heartfelt condolences to his family in this time of loss.

22 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
23 memory of William "Billy" Dennis Whitlock.

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