

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of the
2 honorable Thomas Dale Emberton Sr.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas Dale Emberton Sr. was a native son of this Commonwealth.
4 He was born in Monroe County on July 14, 1932, to John Tom and Ersie Poland
5 Emberton; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton grew up in Monroe County until age 13. His family
7 then relocated to Metcalfe County, which would be his residence for more than 75 years;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton completed a four-year tour of duty in the United States
10 Air Force and then enrolled at Western Kentucky University. This was the start of his
11 more than 65 year involvement with the school; and

12 WHEREAS, during his time as a student at Western Kentucky University, Tom
13 Emberton was elected president of his sophomore and junior classes, president of his
14 fraternity, and business manager of the College Heights Herald; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton completed his law degree at the Louis D. Brandeis
16 School of Law, where he served as president of Delta Theta Psi law fraternity and
17 president of the Student Bar Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton began practicing law in Edmonton, Kentucky, in 1962,
19 and was elected Metcalfe County Attorney in 1964. He served in that role until 1967; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1967 Tom Emberton became part of Governor Louie B. Nunn's
21 administration, and was himself the Republican candidate for governor in 1971; and

22 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton was appointed to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in
23 1987, and was later selected by his fellow judges for the position of Chief Judge. He held
24 that position until his retirement in 2004; and

25 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton was a former member of the Western Kentucky
26 University Board of Regents, past president of the Western Kentucky University Alumni
27 Association Board of Directors, and was a member of the College Heights Foundation

1 Board of Directors for 22 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom Emberton is survived by his cherished wife of 65 years, Julia Lee
3 Crutchfield Emberton; his daughter Laura (Donnie) Owens; his son Tom (Stephanie)
4 Emberton Jr.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister Janelle Downs;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
9 extend their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Thomas Dale Emberton Sr. and
10 posthumously thank him for his many contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
12 memory of Thomas Dale Emberton Sr.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator Max Wise for delivery to the family.