

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Kathy Jo
2 Dowdle.

3 WHEREAS, Kathy Jo Dowdle was born on September 8, 1959, to J.W. Reece and
4 Nelda Freeman. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, she grew up with her brother and two
5 sisters; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Jo Dowdle graduated from Westport High School on the east
7 side of Louisville in 1977. She continued her education studying psychology at Jefferson
8 Community and Technical College and elementary education at the University of
9 Louisville; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathy Jo Dowdle was a fierce advocate for equity and social justice.
11 She was also a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. On October 7, 1985, she married
12 Stephen Dowdle, and from that 37-year union the couple raised two daughters; and

13 WHEREAS, Kathy Jo Dowdle departed this world on Wednesday, November 23,
14 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents, J.W. Reece and Nelda Freeman and a
15 sister, Debbi Reece Ianotti; and

16 WHEREAS, Kathy Jo Dowdle's legacy will continue with her survivors, including
17 her husband, Stephen Dowdle; daughters, Jessica (Eric) Bishop and Blair (Charles)
18 Dowdle; grandchildren, Parker, Bodhi, and Gus; brother, Wesley (Cheri) Reece; sister,
19 Susan Reece; nieces, Angela Leigh and Jordan (Blake) Shields; nephew, Jeremiah (Kim)
20 Reece; and friends Bill W. and Jimmy K.; and

21 WHEREAS, following the visitation and funeral service, family and friends of
22 Kathy Jo Dowdle participated in a 12-step recovery meeting;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
25 ***Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the
27 passing of Kathy Jo Dowdle and expresses heartfelt condolences to her family in this

1 time of loss.

2 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
3 memory of Kathy Jo Dowdle.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
5 Resolution to Senator David Yates for delivery to the family.