

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr.  
2 Russell Travis.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell Travis was born in the heart of coal country in Jenkins,  
4 Kentucky, on June 23, 1935, to Joe Travis and Melba Hughes; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis' family moved to Glasgow, Kentucky where he learned the  
6 value of hard work at an early age by working at the family's Glasgow Trading Center;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis excelled at sports in high school and college, earning a  
9 football scholarship to the University of Wyoming; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis was a Kentucky boy at heart, and he quickly transferred  
11 from the University of Wyoming to Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where he  
12 majored in English literature and humanities; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis earned his medical degree from the University of Louisville  
14 School of Medicine; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis completed his neurosurgical residency at the Medical  
16 University of South Carolina, serving as chief resident; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1972, Dr. Travis became board certified in neurological surgery;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis devoted his entire adult life to the endeavor of healing and  
20 helping others; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to decades as a neurosurgeon at Neurosurgical Associates  
22 in Lexington, Dr. Travis served as president of medical staff, director, and chairman of  
23 various hospitals, boards, and associations throughout Kentucky; and

24 WHEREAS, in honor of his devoted, tireless work in the field of neurosurgery, Dr.  
25 Travis amassed many honors and awards for his accomplishments; and

26 WHEREAS, although Dr. Travis moved from the coal country of Jenkins at a  
27 young age, he never forgot where he came from, and spoke fondly of his years in the

1 mountains; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis gave back to the Appalachian community for over 30 years  
3 by providing on-site neurosurgical care for residents who lacked access; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis departed this life on October 29, 2022, and leaves behind a  
5 legacy that will endure forever through those he healed and cared for, his contributions to  
6 the field of neuroscience, and his loving family; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis is survived by his wife, Jill Travis; children, Glen (Jodie)  
8 Travis, Lee Travis, Barry (Kristen) Buchignani, and Britini (Amy) Buchignani; brother,  
9 Joseph (Jeanne) Travis; and 6 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Travis was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marzie Ann;  
11 and former wife, Sara Gail;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
14 ***Kentucky:***

15 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the  
16 passing of Dr. Russell Travis, and thanks him for his selfless service to this  
17 Commonwealth.

18 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
19 memory of Dr. Russell Travis.

20 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
21 Resolution to Senate President Robert Stivers for delivery to the family.