

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and in loving memory of Flora
2 Mae Page Smith.

3 WHEREAS, Flora Mae Page Smith was born in Louisville, Kentucky, to Moses
4 and Freda Mae Page on November 16, 1938; and

5 WHEREAS, Flora Smith graduated from Central High School in 1956, and
6 continued her education to graduate from Louisville General Hospital School of Nursing,
7 earning her pin as a Registered Nurse in 1959; and

8 WHEREAS, she continued public service by enlisting in the United States Navy,
9 obtained the rank of Lieutenant, and through admirable service received the National
10 Defense Service Medal before honorably ending her commission in 1968; and

11 WHEREAS, during her military service she met and married United States Army
12 soldier Frank Mitchell Smith. In 1969, Frank Mitchell Smith Jr. was born while his father
13 was stationed at the Panama Canal; and

14 WHEREAS, Flora continued her love of learning and of God's word by enrolling in
15 the Louisville Bible College. She was the first woman to enroll in the program and to
16 graduate with the Bachelor of Arts Degree; and

17 WHEREAS, she utilized her talents by working with women in the Louisville
18 Community Correctional Center. She had a passion for serving others and facilitating
19 support groups to provide young single mothers an opportunity to share challenges and
20 gain support in an inclusive environment. She was well known for her letters and cards
21 written in beautiful penmanship, filled with words of encouragement and hope; and

22 WHEREAS, during her mother's battle with Alzheimer's disease, Flora learned of
23 systemic inequities in the treatment of black elderly individuals. She became an advocate
24 for equitable and accessible health care for black seniors and low-income individuals that
25 were often forced to seek healthcare at great distances from home and family support;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Flora became a vibrant and vital member of the working group

1 studying problems of the elderly with Senator Gerald Neal, striving to remove barriers to
2 memory care and healthcare for seniors; and

3 WHEREAS, Flora Smith held a love for music and encouraged her son to pursue
4 mastering the piano. She possessed a hearty chuckle and radiant smile with her fun-
5 loving spirit, while she enjoyed roller-skating and bowling with family and friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Flora Mae Smith leaves behind a legacy of a life well lived, with a
7 wide range of experiences. She will be remembered through her life of service, her
8 listening ear, her encouraging spirit, and a loving heart that has impacted thousands;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
11 *Kentucky:*

12 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the
13 passing of Flora Mae Page Smith.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
15 memory of Flora Mae Page Smith.