

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Carolyn  
2 Marie Davenport Allen.

3           WHEREAS, Carolyn Marie Davenport Allen was born on November 23, 1931, in  
4 Owingsville, Kentucky, to the late Robert and Lydia Mattison; and

5           WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen graduated from high school in Mount Sterling,  
6 Kentucky, and attended Western Kentucky Beauty School in Paducah, Kentucky; and

7           WHEREAS, while in Paducah, Carolyn Allen met the love of her life, Howard  
8 Edward Allen. Early in their marriage, the couple moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where  
9 Howard was stationed with the United States Air Force; and

10           WHEREAS, Carolyn and Howard Allen relocated from Wyoming to St. Martins  
11 Village in Lexington, Kentucky, to be closer to family. There, they welcomed their two  
12 daughters, Neva and Pamela, creating a loving and nurturing Christian home that  
13 emphasized education; and

14           WHEREAS, upon moving to St. Martins Village, Carolyn Allen began working at  
15 Roberta's Beauty Salon. Once established in Lexington, she changed career paths to work  
16 in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Kentucky, where she had a  
17 successful 38-year career. Carolyn loved being responsible for ordering seeds, petri  
18 dishes, and all the supplies needed to make greenhouses flow and grow. She became a  
19 staple to the department, and was well-loved and respected; and

20           WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen was an active member and secretary of Phillips  
21 Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. Later in life, she moved  
22 her membership to Veaches Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Paris,  
23 Kentucky, as a dedicated supporter and worker; and

24           WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen was a member of the Red Hat Society and was elected  
25 Vice Queen of her chapter. Although many of the club's members were closely  
26 associated, Carolyn developed a special bond with Bonita Smith; and

27           WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen battled cancer for 46 years, and she survived breast,

1 bone, bladder, and lung cancer. During her journey, she paved the way as the first cancer  
2 patient to be given the revolutionary treatment option, CyberKnife, in 2007. In late 2023,  
3 a second round of breast cancer metastasized to bone cancer, after which the doctors and  
4 nurses at Baptist Health carried her through her final stages with grace and dignity; and

5 WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen was preceded in death by her loving husband, Howard;  
6 her siblings, Roberta Davenport and Maceo Davenport; and her Aunt Alice and Uncle  
7 Dotson; and

8 WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen is survived by her two daughters, Neva (Beecher)  
9 Hudson and Pamela Ellison; two adopted daughters, Nancy (Miles) Miller and Sheila  
10 Hightower; two granddaughters, Nicole Hudson and Mykelle (Jayson) Fuller; grandson,  
11 B. Allen Hudson; four great-grandchildren, Cameron Hudson, Blake Hudson, Brighton  
12 Fuller, and Jayson Fuller; two first cousins, Henrietta Burdette and Peggy Ann Franklin;  
13 special friends, Ulla Järlfors and Barbara Coughlin; and a host of nieces, nephews, and  
14 friends who will deeply miss her; and

15 WHEREAS, Carolyn Allen will be remembered as a jewel that will sparkle for  
16 eternity;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the  
21 passing of Carolyn Marie Davenport Allen and expresses heartfelt condolences to her  
22 family in this time of loss.

23 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
24 memory of Carolyn Marie Davenport Allen.

25 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
26 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery to the family.