

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of LaDonna
2 Lynn Koebel.

3 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel was born to the late Laverne Hardin and Don
4 Koebel on September 2, 1967, in Louisville's south end where she grew up; and

5 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel attended Doss High School, where she was a
6 cheerleader, tennis player, and homecoming queen, and graduated as a valedictorian; and

7 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel was strongly encouraged by her mother to
8 pursue further education, so she next attended Kentucky Wesleyan College, where she
9 was a cheerleader, homecoming queen, representative in the Miss Mountain Laurel
10 Festival pageant, and member of the Order of the Oak and Ivy, and graduated *cum laude*
11 with a degree in Criminal Justice, all while working part-time; and

12 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel later served for many years on the Kentucky
13 Wesleyan College Alumni Board of Directors, was awarded the Alumni Service Award
14 in 2018, and elected Alumni Board President in 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel continued her academic achievements,
16 graduating *cum laude* with a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the
17 Eastern Kentucky University College of Justice and Safety, where she was also editor of
18 the Kentucky Law Enforcement Newsletter; and

19 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel next conquered the University of Kentucky
20 School of Law, winning the Moot Court award for best brief, and the heart of her future
21 husband, Follace Fields; and

22 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel was admitted to practice in the United States
23 District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and the United States
24 Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and

25 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel became a shining star of public service, first
26 serving as an adjunct professor for Eastern Kentucky University, then working for the
27 Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet as Assistant General Counsel in the

1 Department of Juvenile Justice, where she wrote and implemented sweeping regulations
2 applying the federal juvenile law requirements in Kentucky, and ultimately serving as
3 acting commissioner of the department in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel then became Chief of Staff at the Kentucky
5 Personnel Cabinet, and eventually accepted the position of Executive Director of the
6 Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Senior Protection; and

7 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel was far from being all work and no play, she
8 gardened, antiques, beached, and decorated, and was known for hauling home large
9 holiday yard displays in her convertible; and

10 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel would encourage everyone to make the time to
11 do what makes you happy, with the people that make you happy, as often as you can; and

12 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel passed away on February 6, 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, LaDonna Lynn Koebel will be missed by her husband; their daughter,
14 Lauren, of whom she was so proud; her stepmother, Connie Koebel; her brothers, Bill
15 (Janet) McDonald, Mike (Laura) McDonald, David (Tina) McDonald, Don (Kim)
16 Koebel, and Chris (Camille) Koebel; and scores of cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and
17 friends who mourn her passing;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 ➔Section 1. The Senate extends its sincere condolences to the family, friends, and
22 community of LaDonna Lynn Koebel upon her passing.

23 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
24 memory of LaDonna Lynn Koebel.

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