

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Philip  
2 Richard Konopka.

3           WHEREAS, Philip Richard Konopka was born in Maysville, Kentucky, on August  
4 13, 1980, to Richard and Joyce Schweickart Konopka; and

5           WHEREAS, a native son of Kentucky, Philip Richard Konopka was well known  
6 and appreciated throughout eastern Kentucky for working hard and having a passion for  
7 agriculture; and

8           WHEREAS, Philip Richard Konopka attended Morehead State University and  
9 developed many friendships in the agriculture community throughout the  
10 Commonwealth. He was well known for wearing his cowboy hat and having a love of all  
11 things John Deere, but more importantly he was known as someone with a kind heart;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, in March 2005, Philip Richard Konopka became the Lewis County  
14 Extension Agent, teaching others throughout eastern Kentucky about best agriculture  
15 practices and demonstrating his love and enthusiasm for Kentucky agriculture; and

16           WHEREAS, it was often said of Philip Richard Konopka that he never met a  
17 stranger, always went above and beyond what would normally be expected, and that he  
18 was an excellent coordinator, presented a positive attitude, and took time to talk to  
19 everyone he met; and

20           WHEREAS, Philip Richard Konopka was a great asset to Lewis County and his  
21 fellow extension agents across the state, having organized a webinar series entitled *The*  
22 *Unexpected Pleasure of Gardening* with the University of Kentucky, Department of  
23 Horticulture, and assisted a record number of people who established home gardens,  
24 many of whom were new gardeners during the summer of 2020 because of the pandemic;  
25 and

26           WHEREAS, Philip Richard Konopka was a Kentucky Certified Crop Advisor; a  
27 member of the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council; a member of the Kentucky

1 Cattlemen's Association; a friend to the Lewis County Farmers' Market; a well-respected  
2 figure by the Tollesboro Lions Club, having a significant impact upon the youth of Lewis  
3 County because of his presence, dedication, and contributions with the livestock shows,  
4 4-H programs, and the Future Farmers of America; and a member of the Kentucky  
5 Association of County Agriculture Agents (KACAA); and

6 WHEREAS, Philip Richard Konopka was scheduled to receive the KACAA  
7 Distinguished Service Award during this summer; and

8 WHEREAS, as a deacon of the First Christian Church of Olive Hill, where he also  
9 served as the secretary, Philip Richard Konopka was an upstanding Christian man who  
10 deeply loved God;

11 WHEREAS, Phillip Richard Konopka leaves behind his loving wife of 16 years,  
12 Rebecca Grubb Konopka, his parents, his brother, Josh, and all of his immediate and  
13 extended family and friends who will miss him dearly; and

14 WHEREAS, Phillip Richard Konopka went to be with the Lord on Wednesday,  
15 May 3, 2023;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the  
20 passing of Philip Richard Konopka.

21 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
22 memory of Philip Richard Konopka.

23 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
24 Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb for delivery to the family.