

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of William C.
2 Hopkins.

3 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins was born on May 30, 1936, in Russell, Kentucky,
4 to Taylor and Myrtle Hopkins; and

5 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins received the nickname "Buffalo Bill" as a young
6 child due to his large stature and carried that nickname his entire life; and

7 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins was a graduate of Ashland High School, where he
8 participated in several sports including football and basketball; and

9 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins met his wife, Ruth Greene Hopkins, while
10 attending Ashland High School and working as a lifeguard at Southside Pool; and

11 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins and Ruth Greene Hopkins were married on
12 January 7, 1958, on the television show "Bride and Groom"; and

13 WHEREAS, after graduating, William C. Hopkins began working as a welder at
14 Armco Steel before returning to college where he graduated from Marshall University.
15 He then began working at Ashland, Inc., in the auditing department; and

16 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins retired in 1997 as the president of South Point
17 Ethanol; and

18 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins served as mayor of Russell for thirteen years and
19 thoroughly loved this job and his coworkers; and

20 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins was honored on Elks Sports Day in June 15,
21 when he was recognized for his contributions to the Ashland High School basketball and
22 football teams, which included the 1954 basketball team that surprised many by finishing
23 third in the state; and

24 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins was an avid golfer and had many friends and
25 golfing buddies, including his two best friends, J.C. Brown and Tracey Hillman; and

26 WHEREAS, William C. Hopkins went home to be with the Lord on February 22,
27 2025, leaving his legacy to be continued through his family and loved ones. He is

1 survived by his wife, Ruth Greene Hopkins; two daughters, Carman (Rick) Roberts and
2 Carol (Darrall) Henderson; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several
3 nieces and nephews;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
8 sympathy upon the passing of William C. Hopkins.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
10 memory of William C. Hopkins.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Senator Robin Webb.