

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. John  
2 Stempel.

3           WHEREAS, Dr. John Stempel graduated cum laude from Princeton University in  
4 1960 and thereafter served as a United States Navy officer from 1960 to 1962; and

5           WHEREAS, after his experience in the Navy, Dr. Stempel studied political science  
6 at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his Master of Arts in 1963  
7 and Doctor of Philosophy in 1965; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Stempel served with distinction in the United States Foreign  
9 Service for 23 years. His work included postings in Guinea, Burundi, Zambia, Iran, and  
10 India. In India, he served as United States Consul General in Madras, now Chennai; and

11           WHEREAS, during his assignments in Washington, D.C., Dr. Stempel held  
12 positions as the United States State Department's Crisis Center director and as director of  
13 the Near East and South Asian Affairs Office for the Secretary of Defense; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Stempel worked in the Patterson School of Diplomacy and  
15 International Commerce at the University of Kentucky for 26 years. He served as  
16 associate director from 1988 to 1993 and director from 1993 to 2003. Following that, he  
17 became a senior professor and was named a professor emeritus in 2013; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Stempel wrote two books, "Inside the Iranian Revolution" in 1981,  
19 and "Common Sense and Foreign Policy" in 2008, and extensive articles relating to  
20 foreign policy issues. He served as the editorial chairperson of the Foreign Service  
21 Journal twice, and was a long-term member of the editorial board of the University Press  
22 of Kentucky; and

23           WHEREAS, for decades, Dr. Stempel's wisdom and expertise served as the  
24 foundation for careers in diplomacy, security, intelligence, and commerce; and

25           WHEREAS, Dr. Stempel was a relentless advocate for the Patterson School and its  
26 mission of providing foreign policy expertise to the University of Kentucky, the City of  
27 Lexington, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Stempel passed away in January 2025, and will be dearly missed  
2 and remembered by his loved ones, students, and colleagues;

3           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6           ➔Section 1.   The members of the Senate hereby extend their most profound  
7 sympathy upon the passing of Dr. John Stempel, and posthumously thank him for his  
8 contributions to the Commonwealth, domestically and internationally.

9           ➔Section 2.   When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
10 memory of Dr. John Stempel.

11          ➔Section 3.   The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
12 Resolution to Senator Max Wise for delivery to the family.