

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Burlin
2 Coleman.

3 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman was born on March 9, 1929, in Pike County,
4 Kentucky, to the late Miles and Katherine Smith Coleman; and

5 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman grew up on a hillside farm in eastern Kentucky and
6 attended Pikeville High School; and

7 WHEREAS, upon graduating from the National Business College in Roanoke,
8 Virginia, Burlin Coleman returned to Pikeville to work as a clerk at the Community Trust
9 Bank; and

10 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman dedicated his professional career to the Community
11 Trust Bank and its customers from 1949 to 1999, rising up the ranks and rightfully
12 earning the title of Chief Executive Officer; and

13 WHEREAS, under the steadfast leadership and business acumen of Burlin
14 Coleman, Community Trust Bank became publicly traded, which ultimately led to the
15 establishment of 72 branches across Kentucky, six in West Virginia, and three in
16 Tennessee; and

17 WHEREAS, a shrewd investor, Burlin Coleman believed in taking chances on hard
18 working people. Many businesses and community members give credit to Burlin
19 Coleman and the Community Trust Bank as having given them their very first loans; and

20 WHEREAS, a benevolent philanthropist and dedicated member of the First Baptist
21 Church of Pikeville for 70 years, Burlin Coleman practiced his faith by investing his
22 time, talent, and treasure in the community he loved dearly; and

23 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman served on the boards of several organizations,
24 including the Coal Operators and Associates, Inc., the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, and
25 the University of Pikeville; and

26 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman understood the exponential value of education. He
27 served as a fundamental force in establishing and developing the University of Pikeville's

1 School of Osteopathic Medicine, a nationally ranked rural medicine program; and

2 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman served as a trustee and chairman of the board of the
3 University of Pikeville. Burlin Coleman had a lasting impact on the University of
4 Pikeville, which named its newly founded College of Business after him; and

5 WHEREAS, Burlin Coleman passed away on January 23, 2025, at the age of 95,
6 leaving behind an indelible legacy of integrity, loyalty, philanthropy, and unwavering
7 commitment to community. Along with his parents, Burlin Coleman was preceded in
8 death by his first wife, Jean Coleman; and his sister, Zettie Hunt; and

9 Whereas, Burlin Coleman will be remembered always by his wife, Sally Ousley
10 Coleman; his son, Dr. Larry Bruce (Dr. Betty Coleman) Coleman; his stepson, James
11 (Shaunda Dixon) Reynolds; his daughter, Dr. Kay Coleman Hazelett; his stepdaughter,
12 Jessica Reynolds; his brother, Amos (Sue) Coleman; and his sisters, Nora Hunt and
13 Mabel (Harold) Blackburn. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Brian,
14 Jessica, Tyler, Rachel, Kelsey, Rebecca, and John; and his five great-grandchildren,
15 Michael, Charles, Benjamin, Jack, and Julius;

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 expresses its most profound sympathy upon the passing
20 of Burlin Coleman and extends heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and
21 community.

22 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
23 memory of Burlin Coleman.

24 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Phillip Wheeler for delivery to the family.