

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Robert G.
2 Clark Jr., former Mississippi State Representative.

3 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. was born on October 3, 1928, to Robert and Julia
4 Anne Clark of Ebenezer, Mississippi; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. was a member of the Mississippi House of
6 Representatives for 35 years, serving Mississippi's 47th District; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. made history in 1967 by becoming the first
8 African American elected to the Mississippi Legislature since Reconstruction, an
9 achievement that paved the way for greater representation and progress in the state's
10 governance; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Robert G. Clark Jr. exemplified unwavering
12 dedication to the principles of justice, equality, and public service; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. championed education reform, economic
14 development, and civil rights, always advocating for the betterment of his constituents
15 and the people of Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. served in the Mississippi legislature until 2003, a
17 tenure in public service that included serving as chair of the education committee and
18 later as speaker pro tempore, marking him as a pioneering leader who helped shape the
19 legislative landscape of Mississippi; and

20 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. leaves behind a lasting legacy of courage,
21 perseverance, and leadership that transcends state lines, inspiring all those who strive for
22 justice and equality; and

23 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. was laid to rest on March 11, 2025, in the presence
24 of family and friends; and

25 WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark Jr. was preceded in death by his first wife, Essie, in
26 1978. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; three children; and numerous relatives and
27 friends;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
3 *Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its most profound sympathy upon
5 the passing of former Mississippi State Representative Robert G. Clark Jr.

6 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
7 memory of former Mississippi State Representative Robert G. Clark Jr.

8 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Brandon Storm for delivery.