

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Larry
2 "Smokey" Dodson.

3 WHEREAS, Larry "Smokey" Dodson was born on January 17, 1948, in Louisville,
4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson was a man of service who was passionate about doing
6 what was best for students. He did so by serving on the Oldham County School Board for
7 18 years; and

8 WHEREAS, during his time on the school board, Larry Dodson represented the
9 board as part of the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) and served as regional
10 director on the board of directors of the KSBA, participating in both state and national
11 school board association meetings; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson also served on the Local School Board Members
13 Advisory Committee, lending his experience to help shape education policy across the
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson was a dedicated advocate for the Oldham County
16 Schools Arts Center. He was a founding member of the Arts Center Foundation, Inc.,
17 helping to raise funding for the program. His dedication to the arts program that served
18 students and families throughout the surrounding area was evident as he attended every
19 performance, often multiple times; and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson worked for Louisville Gas & Electric for 58 years and
21 was planning for retirement as a senior gas safety and technical training consultant; and

22 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson was a member of the Buechel Masonic Lodge #896 and
23 a Kentucky Colonel; and

24 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson loved baseball and used his talent to help others by
25 coaching for the North Oldham Little League and served on their board. Larry was a
26 restaurant aficionado and a member of La Grange Baptist Church; and

27 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson departed this earthly life at the age of 77 on January 24,

1 2025; and

2 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson was preceded in death by his son, Derrick Dodson;
3 mother, Mary Workman; and brothers, Jerry and Gary Dodson; and

4 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson is survived by his wife, Patti Dodson; son, Jeremy
5 Dodson; daughter, Shannon (Pete) Dahl; and five grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Dodson leaves behind a tremendous void in the Oldham County
7 school system, but also leaves behind a great example of service for all who knew him
8 and his legacy will live on for many generations;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
11 *Kentucky:*

12 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the
13 passing of Larry "Smokey" Dodson.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
15 memory of Larry "Smokey" Dodson.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Lindsey Tichenor for delivery to the family.