

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of former  
2 State Representative Pearl Ray Lefevers.

3           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers was born on December 31, 1937, in Molus,  
4 Kentucky, to Elmer and Ruby Lefevers; and

5           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers started his teaching career at 19, later serving as  
6 the principal of Bell County High School, and completing his teaching career as Bell  
7 County superintendent from 1993 to 1997; and

8           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers was an accomplished principal and educator,  
9 notably making Bell County the first school in Kentucky to ban smoking on its campus;  
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11           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers always went out of his way to assist students in  
12 need of clothing and food. He also helped many students get into college and encouraged  
13 generations of students to pursue higher education; and

14           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers served as a State Representative for several  
15 successful terms, one of which he served as the minority caucus chairman of the House of  
16 Representatives. One of his many accomplishments while serving his community was  
17 successfully passing the Kentucky Education Reform Act. He was later inducted into the  
18 5th Congressional District Hall of Fame; and

19           WHEREAS, for the last 25 years, Pearl Ray Lefevers served his community by  
20 working with individuals with mental health and behavioral disorders to achieve their  
21 highest potential; and

22           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers was inducted into the Bell County Hall of Fame  
23 Class of 2022-2023 in celebration of all that he achieved for the community he loved so  
24 dearly; and

25           WHEREAS, anyone who knew Pearl Ray Lefevers understood that he loved his  
26 family, friends, education, and politics; and

27           WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers departed this earthly life on June 27, 2023, in his

1 home with his loving wife, Robin, by his side; and

2 WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers is preceded in death by his parents; two daughters,  
3 Emily Lefevers Hoskins and Joyce Mary Lefevers; sister, Joyce (James S. Stewart Jr.)  
4 Lefevers Stewart; and brother, David Lanny Lefevers; and

5 WHEREAS, Pearl Ray Lefevers was survived by his wife, Robin Neal Lefevers;  
6 son, Todd (Becky) Baker; sister, Jennifer (Johnny) Lefevers Jones; grandson, Clint  
7 (April) Hurley; granddaughter, Brooke (Justin) Abbott; great-grandchildren, Jakeb  
8 Hurley, Dylan Hurley, Harper Hurley, Addison Abbott, and Avery Abbott; his dearly  
9 loved niece, Jonna Jones Knox; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its most profound sympathy upon  
14 the passing of former State Representative Pearl Ray Lefevers, and posthumously thanks  
15 him for his service to the Commonwealth.

16 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
17 memory of former State Representative Pearl Ray Lefevers.

18 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
19 Resolution to Senator Brandon Smith for delivery.