

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of David
2 Delvin Drake.

3 WHEREAS, David Delvin Drake was born on May 4, 1940, in Mount Sterling,
4 Kentucky, the son of Martha and Russell T. Drake; and

5 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of the University of Kentucky, David Drake earned
6 his Bachelor's Degree in Economics and pursued extensive postgraduate work before
7 beginning a long and distinguished career in public service and energy development; and

8 WHEREAS, David Drake first served as assistant industrial development director at
9 East Kentucky Power Cooperative, where his work in advancing the energy and
10 economic development of eastern Kentucky saw him travel to Hawaii on a company trip
11 where he met his future wife, Brenda; and

12 WHEREAS, David Drake went on to serve as the first secretary of the Department
13 of Energy for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and in that role he helped shape early
14 energy policy and co-founded what would become the University of Kentucky Center for
15 Applied Energy Research (UK CAER), an institution that continues to advance
16 innovation and collaboration in the energy field; and

17 WHEREAS, returning to East Kentucky Power Cooperative in 1984, David Drake
18 concluded his career there as Business Development Manager, later continuing in a
19 consulting capacity and serving on the advisory board of UK CAER to lend his vast
20 experience to the benefit of the Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, beyond his professional accomplishments, David Drake gave
22 generously of his time to civic and community service, including his tenure as a member
23 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Planning Commission, where his
24 insight and commitment to public welfare were widely respected; and

25 WHEREAS, a man guided by deep faith in all he did, David Drake was raised in
26 the Roman Catholic tradition and later found a spiritual home at Saint Michael's
27 Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection; and

1 WHEREAS, David Drake was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Brenda, a
2 loving father to his children, Russel Drake and Sheila Miracle, and a proud father-in-law
3 to Daniel Honeycutt and Eric Miracle; and

4 WHEREAS, his grandchildren, Anna, Bodhi, and Drake Miracle, brought him
5 boundless joy and pride, and he delighted in making the home he built with Brenda a
6 haven for his children and grandchildren, echoing the community his parents fostered for
7 him and his friends as a boy; and

8 WHEREAS, remembered as a man of many interests, David Drake was an avid O-
9 gauge model railroader, a builder of 1940s-era model airplanes, and a student of World
10 War II history, all pursuits that reflected his lifelong curiosity and meticulous attention to
11 detail; and

12 WHEREAS, David Drake is survived by his loving wife, Brenda; his children,
13 Russell Drake and Sheila Miracle; his sons-in-law, Daniel Honeycutt and Eric Miracle;
14 his grandchildren, Anna, Bodhi, and Drake; and his brother-in-law, Bill Burch; and

15 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has lost a respected public servant, a
16 community leader, and a man whose legacy will endure in the institutions he helped to
17 build and in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know him;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
20 ***Kentucky:***

21 ➔Section 1. The Senate extends its sincere condolences to the family, friends, and
22 community of David Delvin Drake upon his passing.

23 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
24 memory of David Delvin Drake.

25 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery to the family.