

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Denise  
2 Lane "Deni" Hamilton.

3           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton was born on October 15, 1953, in  
4 Hamilton, Ohio, to the late Rudolph "Rudy" Lane and Thelma "TJ" Theiss Lane; and

5           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton was born into a military family and  
6 moved all over the country with her two sisters, eventually graduating from high school  
7 in Juneau, Alaska, after attending 14 different schools; and

8           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton earned degrees in Psychology and Art  
9 from Berry College in Georgia, and later followed her younger sister to Western  
10 Kentucky University, where she met the love of her life, William "Bill" Hamilton; and

11           WHEREAS, what began as a beautiful friendship blossomed into 47 years of  
12 marriage, filled with shared adventures, travels around the world, four children, 11  
13 grandchildren, and now deep roots in Georgetown, Kentucky, where Bill Hamilton was  
14 born and raised; and

15           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton gave her heart and soul to her children,  
16 coaching various teams, running hospitality rooms, and never missing one of the kids'  
17 sporting events; and she cherished her grandchildren and made the holidays so special for  
18 everyone, with Thanksgiving, Christmas, July 4th, and Easter being her favorites; and

19           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton extended her love beyond her family to  
20 her community as a go-to person for advice, a shoulder to cry on, and someone to vent to,  
21 with an uncanny ability to calm tense situations, and she quickly became "Mama Deni"  
22 for many other children; and

23           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton decorated for countless weddings, even  
24 hosting some in her backyard. She hosted a weekly Sunday dinner, a Hamilton family  
25 tradition, spreading her unique gift for making everyone feel welcome, without regard to  
26 age, status, or circumstances. She possessed the kind of generosity that touched all who  
27 knew her, and she frequently opened her home for birthday parties and celebrations; and

1           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton also served her community by creating  
2 wonderful events for civic clubs, organizations, and fundraisers, entertaining thousands  
3 and supporting civic causes while lifting a community; and

4           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton spent the last 45 years of her life as a  
5 real estate agent. She owned her own company, was a lifetime member of the TOP  
6 Producer's Club, was asked to serve on the Board for Realty Community and the Board  
7 of Professional Standards, was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to the Real Estate  
8 Commission, and was named Realtor of the Year in 2022 among more than 4000 industry  
9 professionals. She also proudly served on the Board of Trustees for Georgetown  
10 Community Hospital for 15 years. And she was one of the original board members for  
11 her beloved Euko-En on the Elkhorn Japanese Friendship Garden, having been a member  
12 of the first small group from Georgetown to visit Tahara Cho, Japan, in 1988, to begin  
13 the Sister City discussions; and

14           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton dreamed big, lived big, and loved big.  
15 She had a servant's heart, always seeking the best for everyone she worked with, and she  
16 was selfless in every way and made this world a better place; and

17           WHEREAS, Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton is survived by her husband Bill  
18 Hamilton, her children, Kyle (Stacy) Hamilton, Archibald (Chelsea) William Hamilton,  
19 VI, and Carrie Hamilton (Steve) Lepore; her sister, Beth Lane (Duff) Jeffers; and her  
20 grandchildren, Jersey Hamilton, Treylen Hamilton, Braxton Hamilton, Isabella Hamilton,  
21 Jayden Hamilton, Avery Hamilton, Charleigh Hamilton, Andi Hamilton, Archie  
22 Hamilton, Giuliana Lepore, and Naomi Lepore;

23           NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
25 ***Kentucky:***

26           ➔Section 1. The Senate extends its deepest sympathy upon the passing of Denise  
27 Lane "Deni" Hamilton, and expresses heartfelt condolences to all her family, friends, and

1 community.

2       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
3 memory of Denise Lane "Deni" Hamilton.

4       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
5 Resolution to Senator Matt Nunn for delivery to the family.