

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Henry
2 Nicholas "Nick" Baker.

3 WHEREAS, Nick Baker was born in Hazard, Kentucky, and grew up on his
4 family's farm in Viper, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Nick Baker made Louisville his home for 66 years and practiced law
6 for 50 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Nick Baker graduated from Georgetown College in 1959, where he
8 was a member of the Kappa Alpha order, and graduated from the University of Louisville
9 Brandeis School of Law in 1966; and

10 WHEREAS, Nick Baker joined the U.S. Army at Fort Knox in 1959, served six
11 months of active duty in the 100th Training Division, and was a reservist until 1965; and

12 WHEREAS, Nick Baker was a firm believer in civic duty, and he served the
13 Commonwealth as a senator of the 38th District in the Kentucky State Senate from 1970
14 to 1978; and

15 WHEREAS, while serving in the Senate, Nick Baker introduced Senate Bill 73,
16 which required any school with a men's basketball team that receives state funds to also
17 establish a women's team; and

18 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 73 brought girls' basketball back to Kentucky high schools
19 after a 42-year lapse, changing the lives of countless aspiring female athletes, opening
20 doors to Kentucky girls who might not have been able to afford postsecondary education
21 and enabling women to contribute in immeasurable ways to Kentucky's society and
22 community; and

23 WHEREAS, Nick Baker was a man of deep religious faith, being a longtime
24 member of Louisville's historic Calvary Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry
25 twice; and

26 WHEREAS, Nick Baker's greatest joys in life came from his family, and he is
27 survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Susan Henson Baker; three children, Henry

1 (Samuela Elarti), Sarah, and Matthew; two grandchildren, Sophia Elarti-Baker and
2 Valentina Elarti-Baker; brother, Kenneth; sister-in-law, Louisa Henson; brother-in-law,
3 Ed (Gail) Henson; and much-loved nieces and nephews; and

4 WHEREAS, Nick Baker was preceded in death by his mother, Roberta Brashear
5 Baker and his father, Mark Baker, both of Hazard, Kentucky;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby joins with Senator Brandon Smith in expressing
10 its most profound sympathy upon the passing of Henry Nicholas "Nick" Baker, and
11 extends its heartfelt condolences to his family in this time of loss.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
13 memory of Henry Nicholas "Nick" Baker.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Brandon Smith for delivery to the family of Nicholas Baker.