

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Valentino
2 "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao.

3 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao was born in the state of New
4 York on June 26, 1960, to Valentino Sombiro Simpao, M.D., and Diane Felice Villone
5 Simpao, L.P.N., the firstborn of 9 beloved children; and

6 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao spent his early childhood
7 moving with his family from New York to Paris, Kentucky, then to Calhoun, Kentucky,
8 and eventually to Greenville, Kentucky, graduating from Greenville High School; and

9 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao continued his education next
10 at the Institute of Technology in Evansville, Indiana, and then at the University of
11 Evansville, before moving to Atlanta, Georgia, where he began his life's work as a
12 consultant in areas of theoretical and mathematical physics; and

13 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao ultimately returned to
14 Greenville, Kentucky, to become an Adjunct Professor at Western Kentucky University,
15 making contributions to his field both in publications and as a mentor for graduate
16 research; and

17 WHEREAS, while Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao had been classically
18 trained as a physicist, his intelligence seemed to come from somewhere deeper than
19 formal education alone. His vast intellect was innate, difficult to categorize, and
20 expansive. His mind moved fluidly between worlds, and though one might describe his
21 capacity through the frameworks of linguistic, logical-mathematical, musical, and
22 creative thought, yet even those explanations fall short. Science was his art, and art was
23 his science; and

24 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao was equally moved by
25 Mozart and Nirvana, appreciated the sonnets of Shakespeare, and delighted in the humor
26 and absurd brilliance of Monty Python. He could draw you into explanations of both the
27 visible and the unseen, patiently working through ideas until understanding emerged, and

1 that ability to bridge worlds, between high philosophy and humor and rigorous science
2 and creative imagination, was one of his gifts; and

3 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao had a remarkable ability to
4 listen and to help others articulate ideas that were difficult to express and acted as a
5 master of cognitive mediation, helping others to frame their thoughts and to see
6 perspectives more clearly. Because he could see beyond boundaries, he helped others
7 learn to see beyond them as well; and

8 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao had the sweetest soul that
9 was made both tender and strengthened by his faith, a quiet, yet firm reverence to God
10 and to God's will even in the hardest of times. His love for God kept his soul cheerful,
11 jovial, and deeply generous, his heart faithful and prayerful, and his mind resilient; and

12 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao was preceded in death by his
13 father, Valentino Sombiro Simpao; his maternal grandparents, Carmen Mario Villone and
14 Diane Laverne Villone; his paternal grandparents, Gregorio Simpao and Purificacion
15 Sombiro Simpao; and his younger brother, Joseph Gregory Simpao; and

16 WHEREAS, Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao is survived by his mother,
17 Diane Villone Simpao; his siblings, Holly (Jonathan) Strelzik, Terri (Carl) Paige, Phillip
18 (Rose) Simpao, and Frances (Darby) Crawford; 13 nieces and nephews; and 4 great-
19 nieces and nephews;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
22 ***Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The Senate extends its deepest sympathy upon the passing of
24 Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao, and expresses heartfelt condolences to all his
25 family, friends, and community.

26 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
27 memory of Valentino "Tony" Anthony Peter Simpao.

- 1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Reginald L. Thomas for delivery to the family.