

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of William
2 "Turkey" Thomason.

3 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason was born on October 22, 1941, in Duff,
4 Kentucky, to the late Albert H. and Emily Louise Burnett Thomason; and

5 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason proudly served his country as a veteran
6 of the United States Marine Corps, exemplifying honor and dedication; and

7 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason dedicated his life to public service,
8 serving 36 years as a member of the Leitchfield City Council, during which time he
9 missed only one meeting, a testament to his unwavering commitment; and

10 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason was appointed Mayor of Leitchfield on
11 April 3, 1995, and stayed in office until December 31, 2018. During the 1995 campaign
12 he declared, "Hard work, dedication and community service have always been an integral
13 part of my life. I will always do what is best for the citizens of Leitchfield," a promise he
14 honored throughout his tenure; and

15 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason is remembered for his profound service
16 and lasting impact, and those who worked alongside him affirm that his influence will be
17 felt for generations to come and express deep gratitude for his role in helping the
18 community grow and thrive; and

19 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason served for 60 years as an agency
20 manager for the Grayson County office of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance,
21 demonstrating remarkable professional dedication; and

22 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason was a founding member of the
23 Leitchfield Lions Club and American Legion Post 81. He played an essential role in
24 establishing the Veterans Memorial Park in 2016, leaving a lasting tribute to those who
25 served. He was the first person appointed to the board of Citizens Bank, now known as
26 Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust, a lifelong member of Leitchfield United Methodist Church
27 and the oldest living member of the Grayson County Fair Board; and

1 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason enjoyed restoring vintage Chevrolets,
2 supporting local basketball teams, and together with his wife, hosted foreign exchange
3 students for 17 years, enriching the lives of many through cultural exchange; and

4 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason was known for his compassion and love
5 for animals, often taking strays to the Leitchfield Animal Shelter and cherishing his pets,
6 including his two dogs, Marley and Caesar, and his three cats, Tommy, Reagan, and
7 Peaches; and

8 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason is survived by his wife of 60 years,
9 Carolyn Johnson Thomason; his daughter, Shauna Lynne Thomason; his son, Patrick
10 Shane (Ashlee) Thomason; his sister, Georgia Mae Williams; his sister-in-law, Sandra
11 Psoras; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, as well as grandnieces and
12 grandnephews, all whom carry forward his legacy; and

13 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason, departed from this earthly life on
14 Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his sister,
15 Sarah Jane Thomason; his brother-in-law, Joe Williams; and his aunt, Alma Shartzter; and

16 WHEREAS, William "Turkey" Thomason's life was defined by unwavering
17 dedication to his family, his community, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and his
18 legacy of service, leadership, compassion, and integrity will continue to inspire all who
19 knew him and those who benefit from his lifelong contributions;

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 expresses its most profound sympathy upon the passing
24 of William "Turkey" Thomason and extends heartfelt condolences to his family, friends,
25 and community.

26 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
27 memory of William "Turkey" Thomason.

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