

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Leonard
2 "Len" Marion Spalding, Jr.

3 WHEREAS, Leonard "Len" Marion Spalding, Jr., was born in 1935 in Springfield,
4 Kentucky, to Dr. Len and Elsie Spalding; and

5 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, had undeniable charisma. He was a keen observer and
6 quick with a joke, which he always delivered with a smile and twinkle in his eyes; and

7 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, was a true southern gentleman, who gave hugs and
8 advice freely; and

9 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, was a proud member of the Bellarmine College Class of
10 1959. He embodied the Bellarmine spirit throughout his life. He served many years on
11 Bellarmine's Board of Trustees and was awarded Trustee Emeritus status in recognition
12 of his lifetime of service. In 2009, he was recognized as the university's Knight of
13 Knights, an honor bestowed upon those who demonstrate exceptional support for
14 Bellarmine. He, along with his wife, Susan, are recognized as Bellarmine Visionaries for
15 their transformative giving. In 2017, Len and Susan Spalding received honorary doctoral
16 degrees in recognition of their leadership and longtime support of the university; and

17 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, received an MBA degree in finance from Indiana
18 University; and

19 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, grew up in Springfield, Kentucky, and desired the wider
20 world. He pursued a financial and investment career which took him to Chicago and New
21 York City. His last position was with J. P. Morgan Chase, where he served as past
22 president and chief executive officer. His time with J. P. Morgan Chase provided him the
23 opportunity to travel the world and fulfill his desire to build and strengthen cultural and
24 economic partnerships; and

25 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, did not let anything keep him from spending time with
26 his family. He famously once stowed away on a jet from Amsterdam to get home for
27 Thanksgiving; and

1 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, returned to Springfield in 1997 to pursue a second
2 career of philanthropic ventures. He loved his hometown and was eager to help in any
3 way he could; and

4 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, was a visionary leader who served with passion and
5 purpose in everything he did. One of his main passions was the belief in education for all,
6 at all levels. He helped numerous schools, colleges, and individuals with guidance and
7 financial support; and

8 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, served many years as a board member for Springfield-
9 Washington County Economic Development Authority, including a two-year term as
10 board chairman; and

11 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, was a founding member of the Glenview Trust
12 Company in Louisville, Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, owned several Snappy Tomato Pizza franchises in
14 Kentucky; and

15 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, served on the Board of Governors of the Investment
16 Company Institute and as a member of the Investment Advisory Committee of the
17 American Bankers Association. Additionally, he served as a member of the Board of
18 Trustees for the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Louisville, St.
19 Catharine College, the Marion-Washington County Airport Board, the Chicago Leukemia
20 Society, and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago; and

21 WHEREAS, Len Spalding, passed peacefully in his home on October 28, 2025. He
22 will be remembered always by his wife, Susan; four children, Len (Janet) Spalding, Laura
23 (John) Carani, Thomas (Jennifer) Spalding, and Sally (Baird) Campbell; 17
24 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
27 ***Kentucky:***

- 1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
- 2 sympathy upon the passing of Leonard "Len" Marion Spalding, Jr.
- 3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
- 4 memory of Leonard "Len" Marion Spalding, Jr.
- 5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 6 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.