

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dixie P.
2 Hibbs.

3 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was born on January 12, 1942, to the late Bill and
4 Christine Boblitt Polley; and

5 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was a graduate of Old Kentucky Home High School;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, From the earliest days of childhood, and throughout her adult life,
8 Dixie P. Hibbs demonstrated an acumen for learning; and

9 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was tremendously connected and devoted to her
10 community of Bardstown where she served on the city council for 19 years and had the
11 distinction of being Bardstown's first female mayor upon her election in 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs served as a *de facto* ambassador to her community as
13 she greeted visitors at the welcome center, directed tour buses, and made presentations to
14 local schools, libraries, and others about the extensive and varied history of Bardstown,
15 the city she held in the highest esteem; and

16 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was a prolific author, having published more than 17
17 books and written more than 20 articles on the history of her local area; and

18 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs' community involvement took many guises, including
19 being a member of the local historical society, the Daughters of the American
20 Revolution, the Bourbon Hall of Fame Committee, and the Mission Committee at
21 Nazareth; and

22 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs assisted in the preservation and caretaking of
23 Wickland, which served as the home of three Governors; and

24 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs' passion for notable historical properties included her
25 involvement in the renovation of Anatok, Flaget Hall, and Spalding Hall; and

26 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs had the distinction of being the first woman inducted
27 into the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame, no doubt influenced in part by her work as a

1 board member for the Kentucky Bourbon Festival, and her historical scholarship
2 regarding the history of bourbon in her area; and

3 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs' passions ran most deep for her family; and

4 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was the loving and beloved wife of the late Franklin
5 Hibbs and loving and beloved mother of Laura (Ron) Gilkerson, Stephen (Kim
6 Wheatley) Hibbs, and the late Franklin Hibbs III; and

7 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was the doting grandmother of Adam McKay, Stephen
8 (Megan) Hibbs, Jr., Johnathan (Anna) Hibbs, Aidan Wheatley, Franklin (Alexandra)
9 Hibbs, IV, Isaac Hahn-Hibbs, Julie (Brad) Kirkpatrick, and Grant (Jenny) Gilkerson; and

10 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was the doting great-grandmother of Alyssa Miller,
11 Harper Hibbs, Ryder Hibbs, Remy Hibbs, Izzy Hibbs, Harrison Hibbs, Margot Hibbs,
12 Taylor Carney, Elijah Jones, Lily Dion, Logan Kirkpatrick, and Sophie Kirkpatrick, Ben
13 Gilkerson, Anna, Gilkerson, and Emma Gilkerson; and

14 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs was the loving and beloved sister of Marie (Gehrig)
15 Taylor and proud aunt of the late John Taylor; and

16 WHEREAS, Dixie P. Hibbs passed from this life on October 3, 2025;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The Senate expresses its most profound sympathy upon the passing
21 of Dixie P. Hibbs and extends heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and
22 community.

23 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
24 memory of Dixie P. Hibbs.

25 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery to the family.