

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Levi
2 Peterson, Jr.

3 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., was born on December 13, 1933, in Birmingham,
4 Alabama, to the late Levi Peterson, Sr., and Lelia Bell McCurdy Peterson; and

5 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., professed his faith in God at a young age and was
6 later baptized into the Catholic faith; and

7 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., was mentored by a priest he highly respected,
8 Father Michael Caswell, who provided wisdom and guidance during a very turbulent
9 period in his life; and

10 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., served as an educator in various positions and
11 schools for 34 years until he finally retired in 1994; and

12 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., had a strong impact on his community, being
13 described as "a trailblazer, public servant leader in education, opening doors for future
14 generations of students and educators"; and

15 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., passed peacefully from this life on February 21,
16 2026; and

17 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., was preceded in death by his devoted wife
18 Margaret; eldest son Levi III; and sisters Sheila Mahand and Sister Mary of the Trinity,
19 OP; and

20 WHEREAS, Levi Peterson, Jr., is survived by his son, Herschel Peterson;
21 granddaughters, Margaret Peterson and Savannah (Mantayvius) Peterson-Richards; great-
22 grandson, Jamari Richards; sister, Geraldine Weathers; nieces, Carmen (Kevin)
23 Weathers-Washington, Charmein Weathers, Camille Woods, and Dr. Charita Weathers;
24 nephew, Thalmus (Joi) Mahand; surrogate sons, Eric (Joan) Coleman, Mark Leavell,
25 Lynn Radford, Garland Collins, and Johnny Burse; surrogate niece, Francene Gilmer; and
26 a host of other cherished family and dear friends;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
4 sympathy upon the passing of Levi Peterson, Jr.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 memory of Levi Peterson, Jr.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery to the family.