

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of John
2 William "Willie" Ellery.

3 WHEREAS, John William "Willie" Ellery was born August 28, 1949, in
4 Springfield, Kentucky, the son of John William Ellery Sr. and Mary Helen Riley Ellery;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a lifelong member of the Springfield community, Willie Ellery served
7 as the Maintenance Director for the Housing Authority of Springfield for 52 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Willie Ellery also served his community as a member of the
9 Springfield City Council for 26 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Willie Ellery was a devoted member of Holy Rosary Church and was
11 past chairperson for the church's Homecoming Celebration; and

12 WHEREAS, Willie Ellery was a 3rd degree member of Council 4270 Knights of
13 Columbus in Springfield, as well as a 4th degree member of Monsignor McGee
14 Assembly; and

15 WHEREAS, a devoted fan of University of Louisville sports, Willie Ellery served
16 for 20 years as an usher for U of L Athletics; and

17 WHEREAS, Willie Ellery was an avid fisherman, golfer, and pickleball player who
18 was the three-time Play Club Golf champion; and

19 WHEREAS, Willie Ellery departed these earthly bounds on November 5, 2025, at
20 the age of 76; and

21 WHEREAS, Willie Ellery is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Smith Ellery; a daughter,
22 Launius (Lance) Byrd; two brothers, Charles Ellery and Walter Ellery; four sisters, Mary
23 Helen (Richard) Railey, Terry Ellery, Margaret (Pat) Trigg and Elizabeth (John Fogle)
24 Ellery; one half-sister, Rose Wilson; five step sisters, Shirley Brewer, Bonnie Anderson,
25 Delores Turner, Cathy Spalding, and Toni Churchill; one step brother, Donnie Edelen;
26 two grandchildren, Zyi and Kobe Xisin; and 3 great grandchildren, Cali Nelson, Jalen
27 Nelson, and Aries Carter;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,
2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
3 *Kentucky:*

4 ➡Section 1. The Senate hereby joins with Senator Jimmy Higdon in expressing
5 its most profound sympathy upon the passing of John William "Willie" Ellery.

6 ➡Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
7 memory of John William "Willie" Ellery.

8 ➡Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery to the family of Willie Ellery.