

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.