

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Robert E.
2 "Bob" Purnell, Sr.

3 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr. was born in 1934 to Clara and Fred
4 Purnell in Nashville, Tennessee; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr., moved with his family from Nashville to
6 Louisville in 1950, when he was 16, and then to Simpsonville in 1955; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr., was a partner alongside his parents and
8 siblings in the F.B. Purnell's Sausage Company, which remains headquartered in
9 Simpsonville, Kentucky, to this day; and

10 WHEREAS, through the hard work and dedication of Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr.,
11 and his siblings, the family propelled the company founded by their father to the heights
12 of national success and Purnell's Sausage Company products can be found in grocery
13 stores across America as well as in Dairy Queen and Cracker Barrel restaurants; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr. made sausage for 75 years, and his
15 leadership in Facilities and Maintenance of the company's flagship Simpsonville sausage
16 factory ensured the product's high quality, strong company morale, and national success.
17 Bob even coined the company's famous tagline "It's Goooo-od"; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr.'s, devotion to his family and business was
19 matched by his dedication to his community. Bob was a member of the Shelbyville
20 Baptist Church, a cherished singing member of the Thoroughbred Chorus, and an avid
21 golfer, and a member of Shelbyville and Harmony Landing Country Clubs, and he gave
22 back by supporting St. Jude's Children's Hospital and numerous other charities; and

23 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr., passed from this earthly life at his home
24 in Louisville on October 29, 2025; and

25 WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr. is survived by his wife of 71 years, Jane;
26 three children, Rhonda Purnell, Pam (Steve) Montgomery, and Robert Purnell, Jr.; seven
27 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren;

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 Senator Reginald Thomas in expressing its
5 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr. and extends
6 heartfelt condolences to his family.

7 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
8 memory of Robert E. "Bob" Purnell, Sr.

9 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery to the family of Robert E. "Bob"
11 Purnell, Sr.