

1       A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Joseph  
2     Hardin McFarland.

3       WHEREAS, Joseph Hardin McFarland was born on January 30, 1931, in Bowling  
4     Green, Kentucky, and traversed these earthly bounds to join his Father in Heaven on  
5     January 14, 2026, at the age of 94 years; and

6       WHEREAS, Joseph Hardin McFarland was a 1949 graduate of Bowling Green  
7     High School. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University  
8     of Nebraska Omaha and his Master of Hospital Administration from Baylor University;  
9     and

10      WHEREAS, Joseph Hardin McFarland was married to his wife, Alicia Ruth  
11     Rawlins McFarland, for 65 years and they had three daughters; and

12      WHEREAS, Joseph Hardin McFarland was in the United States Army for 28 years  
13     where he served in Korea, Fort Benning, Fort Sam Houston, Vietnam, Germany, and the  
14     Presidio of San Francisco; and

15      WHEREAS, Joseph Hardin McFarland retired from the 6th Army Medical  
16     Command in 1976 as a Lieutenant Colonel and returned to Bowling Green; and

17      WHEREAS, upon his retirement from service, Joseph Hardin McFarland returned  
18     to his beloved Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and deacon as a devoted  
19     follower of Jesus Christ. He joined the Noon Rotary Club where he was an active  
20     member for 40 years. His mission of service continued outside of the church as he served  
21     on the Salvation Army board of directors and was active in numerous organizations,  
22     supporting the arts, Western Kentucky University, and the community's most vulnerable.  
23     Joseph Hardin McFarland started the shoe and sock donation drive for Warren  
24     Elementary School and enjoyed reading to the kindergarten and first grade classes  
25     regularly; and

26      WHEREAS, Joseph Hardin McFarland was preceded in death by his dear wife. He  
27     is survived by his three daughters, Jane McFarland Coverdale, Susan McFarland (Greg)

1 Liske, and Catherine McFarland (Mike) Wilson; three grandchildren, Melinda Catherine  
2 (Brent) Fry, Mary Catherine (Eric) Soister, and Drew Allen Liske; four great-  
3 grandchildren, Mason Rawlins Fry, Lillian Grace Fry, Joseph Grant Soister, and Laurel  
4 Ruth Soister; and a host of family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, the passing of Joseph Hardin McFarland has left a void that can never  
6 be filled and he will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and the community of  
7 Bowling Green, Kentucky;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The Senate expresses its deep sense of sorrow upon the passing of  
12 Joseph Hardin McFarland and extends to his family, friends, and community its sincerest  
13 condolences.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
15 memory of Joseph Hardin McFarland.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
17 Resolution to Senator Mike Wilson for delivery to the family.