

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of former Kentucky state legislator Dr. Nicholas Z. "Nick" Kafoglis.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly has lost one of its most distinguished
4 former members and dearest friends; and

5 WHEREAS, raised in Lexington, Dr. Nick Kafoglis went on to graduate from Yale
6 University and serve in the United States Air Force, and for 36 years practiced medicine
7 in Bowling Green; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Kafoglis served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from
9 1972 until 1976, and in the Kentucky Senate from 1987 until 1999. For six years he
10 chaired the Senate's Democratic Majority Caucus, and during his time in the General
11 Assembly he became known as a man who was unafraid to cross party lines while also
12 holding firm to his core ideals of fairness, decency, and public service; and

13 WHEREAS, a passionate advocate for public education, Dr. Kafoglis was
14 instrumental in the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1999. He also
15 championed issues that revealed his unyielding belief in the power of the human spirit,
16 including forward-thinking legislation aimed toward curbing drug abuse and making
17 Kentuckians healthier; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Kafoglis was the recipient of the William H. Natcher Award for
19 Distinguished Government Service in 1995 and the Outstanding State Senator Award in
20 1996. He retired from the Kentucky Senate at the age of 69, and his service to this body
21 and to his fellow man still resonates to this day; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Kafoglis passed from this life on February 9, 2019, at the age of
23 89. He was a human being of the first order, and his presence in the lives of those he
24 touched will never be forgotten; and

25 WHEREAS, this august body pauses on this day to remember the many
26 accomplishments and the indelible legacy of our dear friend and colleague, and in so
27 doing we recall his many good works and his abiding belief in serving our fellow citizens;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Nick Kafoglis was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years,
3 Patricia Kafoglis. He is survived by his children, Ginny, Ellen, Zach, and Chris; eight
4 grandchildren; and an entire Commonwealth that stands in appreciation for his many
5 contributions to the greater good;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
8 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
10 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Nicholas Z. "Nick" Kafoglis, and
11 posthumously thank him for his years of service to this General Assembly.

12 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
13 honor and loving memory of Dr. Nicholas Z. "Nick" Kafoglis.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to Representative Patti Minter for delivery to the family.