

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving  
2 memory of Louise Slaughter.

3           WHEREAS, Louise M. Slaughter was a daughter of this Commonwealth, having  
4 been born in Lynch on August 14, 1929, to the late Daisy Grace and Oscar Lewis; and

5           WHEREAS, Louise Slaughter was a graduate of Somerset High School and the  
6 University of Kentucky, where she studied microbiology and public health; and

7           WHEREAS, after moving to New York, Louise Slaughter became increasingly  
8 concerned with social issues, and in 1975, after serving as then-New York Secretary of  
9 State Mario Cuomo's regional coordinator in Rochester, began an illustrious career in  
10 public service; and

11           WHEREAS, after four years as a member of the New York State Assembly, Louise  
12 Slaughter earned the Democratic nomination to New York's 30th Congressional district.  
13 In 1986 she defeated Fred J. Eckert, and began her first term in Congress in 1986; and

14           WHEREAS, throughout her career in Congress, Louise Slaughter remained vigilant  
15 about those causes close to her, particularly women's rights and the ongoing fight against  
16 discrimination; and

17           WHEREAS, in 1994, along with Senator Joe Biden, Congresswoman Slaughter co-  
18 authored the Violence Against Women Act. She would go on to become the first  
19 chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, and legislation that Congresswoman  
20 Slaughter had tirelessly fought for -- the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act --  
21 was passed in 2008. She was a longtime co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Choice  
22 Caucus, and was a passionate advocate against the limiting of Roe V. Wade; and

23           WHEREAS, Louise Slaughter, native Kentuckian; stateswoman; and beloved wife,  
24 mother, and grandmother, departed this earthly life on March 16, 2018, leaving her  
25 family, friends, and an entire nation in solemn mourning; and

26           WHEREAS, Louise Slaughter was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years,  
27 Robert "Bob" Slaughter Jr. She is survived by her daughters, Megan (Richard) Secatore,

1 Amy Slaughter, and Emily Robin (Michael) Minerva; seven grandchildren; one great-  
2 grandchild; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly  
3 miss her presence in their lives;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
6 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their  
8 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Louise Slaughter, and posthumously thank  
9 her for her extraordinary service to the United States Congress.

10 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
11 honor and loving memory of Louise Slaughter.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Joni Jenkins for delivery.