

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Helen  
2 Evans.

3           WHEREAS, Helen Hester Horlacher Evans was born on June 11, 1920, on the  
4 family farm in Fortville, Indiana, and she was raised in Lexington, Kentucky; and

5           WHEREAS, Helen graduated from the University of Kentucky, College of Home  
6 Economics, where she served as president of the Association of Women Students and as  
7 president of Kappa Delta sorority. She taught school at Versailles High School and then  
8 served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II as a Captain in the Office of the  
9 Quartermaster General. Later she would be inducted into the United States Army  
10 Quartermaster Hall of Fame and became a member of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of  
11 Fame; and

12           WHEREAS, after Helen Evans's service in the army, she married Joe Evans in 1948  
13 and had two children, Elizabeth and Joseph, Jr., and served three schools as PTA  
14 president; and

15           WHEREAS, Helen Evans was a lifelong member of the Second Presbyterian  
16 Church and served numerous organizations in the community and Kentucky including the  
17 Lexington Woman's Club; the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky; the Daughters of the  
18 American Revolution at the local, state, and national levels; and the Kentucky Federation  
19 of Women's Clubs; and

20           WHEREAS, while Helen Evans was president of the Kentucky Federation of  
21 Women's Clubs, she initiated the Kentucky First Ladies in Miniature Collection as her  
22 statewide project, and the miniatures of the first ladies have been displayed for 50 years in  
23 the Capitol Rotunda and are updated with each new first lady. In 2020, the miniatures of  
24 Kentucky's first ladies were cleaned with Helen Evans being present at age 99. She sat in  
25 a chair and helped oversee the moving of the miniatures, cleaning of the glass, and  
26 putting new felt on the bottoms. In early January 2022, First Lady Britainy Beshear's  
27 miniature, with a dress made of the same fabric of her inauguration gown, was placed,

1 and Britainy Beshear thanked Helen Evans for establishing the project and preserving  
2 Kentucky history; and

3 WHEREAS, following the death of her husband in 1971, Helen Evans joined the  
4 Kentucky Educational Television and assisted in the formation of the Friends KET  
5 organization. She later worked for the Commonwealth of Kentucky serving as the  
6 director of the Lt. Governor's mansion, special projects coordinator for the Governor's  
7 mansion, and as the administrator of the Vest-Lindsey House. Helen Evans represented  
8 Kentucky in the creation of the Women in Military Service Memorial located at the  
9 entrance to Arlington National Cemetery; and

10 WHEREAS, Helen Evans was a University of Kentucky Fellow, a member of the  
11 University of Kentucky Alumni Association, and a season ticket holder for University of  
12 Kentucky Wildcat basketball games. She loved presenting the game ball at a 2015  
13 University of Kentucky football game, making the "Y" during halftime at a 2016  
14 University of the Kentucky basketball contest, and throwing the opening pitch at a 2017  
15 Lexington Legends baseball game; and

16 WHEREAS, Helen Hester Horlacher Evans died on January 11, 2022, at the age of  
17 101. She was predeceased in death by her parents, Levi and Vaneta Horlacher; her  
18 husband, Joseph C. Evans, Sr.; her daughter, Elizabeth Evans (Bill) Cooke; a daughter-in-  
19 law, Lida Henderson Evans; and a brother-in-law, John Saindon. She is survived by her  
20 son, Joseph Carson (Janet) Evans, Jr.; grandchildren, Rachel Shircliff (Charles)  
21 Carpenter, Joseph Carson Evans III, Anne Helen Evans (Francisco Leniz), and Jackson  
22 Charles Evans; and great-granddaughter, Corabell Carpenter; sister, Frances Horlacher  
23 Saindon; and several nieces and nephews;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the

1 passing of Helen Hester Horlacher Evans, and posthumously thanks her for the creation  
2 of the First Lady Exhibit in the Capitol Rotunda, and for her service to Kentucky and the  
3 United States during her lifetime.

4       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
5 memory of Helen Hester Horlacher Evans.

6       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
7 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery to the family.