

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. Dwight
2 L. Blackburn.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Dwight L. Blackburn, affectionately known as "Dr. B.," was born
4 in Newark, Ohio, on October 10, 1929, to the late William C. and Ruth Blackburn; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. B. was a 1955 graduate of the University of Louisville School of
6 Medicine and a proud veteran of the United States Army who served in Okinawa. Upon
7 completion of his military service, he operated a private practice in Berea for 25 years;
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9 WHEREAS, Dr. B. served as Chief of Staff of Berea Hospital and was instrumental
10 in the hospital's expansion as well as many other technological and service initiatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. B. was a longtime member and past president of the Kentucky
12 Medical Association, and was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from that
13 honorable body; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. B. relocated to Louisville in 1984 and began working in medical
15 review for Anthem, retiring in 1995. He would continue consulting and working in a
16 substance abuse facility until the age of 80; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. B. was a pillar of the Berea community, chairing the Berea Bank
18 Board and the Berea Country Club. A board member of KMIC and Kentucky Telco, he
19 was honored as the Man of the Year by the Berea Chamber of Commerce; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Dwight L. Blackburn, esteemed physician; patriot; and beloved
21 husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather, departed this earthly life and entered the
22 gates of Heaven on January 12, 2018, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose
23 lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. B. was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Rose Wheeler and
25 Dorothy Golden; and brothers, David, William, and Virgil Blackburn. He is survived by
26 his wife, Paula Blackburn; sons, Donald Blackburn and his wife, Marylynn, Dennis
27 Blackburn and his wife, Leona, and Douglas Blackburn and his wife, Alexis; daughter,

1 Deena Jones and her husband, Jeff; stepdaughter, Stacey Fields; 12 grandchildren; 13
2 great-grandchildren; former wife and mother of his children, Dorothy Blackburn; and a
3 host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence
4 in their lives;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
7 *Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
9 sympathy upon the passing of Dr. Dwight L. Blackburn, and extend heartfelt condolences
10 to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
12 memory of Dr. Dwight L. Blackburn.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado for delivery.