

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the life and contributions of Shoichiro Toyoda.

2 WHEREAS, Shoichiro Toyoda was born on February 27, 1925, to Kiichiro and
3 Hatako Toyoda, and entered a family of engineers and innovators; and

4 WHEREAS, Shoichiro Toyoda was destined to lead his family textile factory
5 founded by his grandfather who invented and patented the automatic loom after careful
6 observations led to engineering solutions that increased efficiency; and

7 WHEREAS, Shoichiro Toyoda was emersed in learning about production and
8 design as he grew up surrounded by his father's car and truck company. In 1947, he
9 earned a degree in engineering from Nagoya University; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1952, Shoichiro Toyoda joined the Toyota Motor Company,
11 established by his father, and he quickly earned the respect of the factory workers as he
12 worked alongside them on the factory floor and in the engineering labs; and

13 WHEREAS, after studying mass-production facilities worldwide as the managing
14 director, Shoichiro Toyoda realized the desire for quality automobiles abroad. By 1964,
15 Toyota had implemented a comprehensive quality-control program that permeated every
16 step of production; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1982, Shoichiro Toyoda had worked his way up to be named the
18 president. He began a new venture to achieve a global vision to expand the Toyota brand,
19 and he led the discussions to begin manufacturing abroad with a focus on North America;
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21 WHEREAS, in May of 1986, Toyota worked with economic development
22 authorities in our Commonwealth and broke ground to build a production plant in
23 Georgetown, Kentucky, producing the first Camry in 1988. Toyota continues to employ
24 over 9,300 individuals from the central Kentucky region where Kentuckians work
25 alongside automated robots; and

26 WHEREAS, Shoichiro Toyoda's passion and innovation in quality control, factory
27 management and automotive technology throughout his career were recognized by many

1 within the company and worldwide. In 1980, he received the Deming Prize, given to
2 individuals contributing to the study of total quality management. In 1986, he was named
3 chairman of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association. In Dearborn Michigan, he
4 was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to one of the largest employers of Kentuckians, Toyota has
6 contributed over \$147 million to philanthropic and educational initiatives in the region
7 and statewide;

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 hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the
12 passing of Shoichiro Toyoda and recognizes his legacy and contribution to Toyota
13 Manufacturing Company and to the state of Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer.