

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of the victims
2 of the Beverly Hills Supper Club tragedy.

3 WHEREAS, on the night of May 28, 1977, a large crowd gathered for an evening of
4 entertainment and celebration at the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky had no comprehensive building code
7 for life safety; and

8 WHEREAS, a hidden fire ignited in the faulty wiring of the structure, filling the
9 rooms with smoke; and

10 WHEREAS, the Beverly Hills Supper Club became a deadly inferno and deprived
11 the world of 165 beloved souls, injuring more than 200 others; and

12 WHEREAS, the Beverly Hills Supper Club tragedy was the third-deadliest night
13 club fire in United States history; and

14 WHEREAS, then-Governor Julian Carroll said of the horrific incident, "After
15 getting in the car the next morning after viewing all those body bags and witnessing the
16 grief of many family members, I came back to Frankfort determined that there would be
17 no repeating of such a loss of life by a deadly fire I was convinced could have been
18 prevented, which proved to be true. We fired the State Fire Marshall and adopted a
19 National Fire Code"; and

20 WHEREAS, the tragedy led to the adoption of a comprehensive life safety building
21 code to ensure it will not be repeated;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
26 sympathy on the 40th anniversary of this senseless tragedy; extend heartfelt condolences
27 to the families of the 165 individuals who perished; and honor the service of the first

- 1 responders who attempted valiantly to save as many lives as possible from the inferno.
- 2 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
- 3 memory of the victims of the Beverly Hills Supper Club tragedy.