

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Anita
2 Denise Rowe Franklin.

3 WHEREAS, Anita Denise Rowe Franklin was a daughter of this Commonwealth,
4 having been born in Lexington on September 14, 1962, to Nancy Bright Holmes and
5 Philip Rowe; and

6 WHEREAS, Anita Franklin proudly graduated from Bryan Station High School and
7 attended Eastern Kentucky University; and

8 WHEREAS, Anita Franklin was a member of the Historic Pleasant Green
9 Missionary Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Anita Franklin became a renowned and respected activist in the anti-
11 gun violence movement after her beloved son, Antonio Jr., was killed by a stray bullet at
12 the age of 21; and

13 WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for those who have lost loved ones to gun violence
14 and a powerful voice in the gun control community, Anita Franklin passionately and
15 fearlessly invoked the memory of her late son, founding several community organizations
16 in his honor such as the Antonio Franklin, Jr. VIP Peace Walk, the Antonio Franklin, Jr.,
17 VIP Program, the Mr. and Miss Essence Pageant, and We Are Survivors; and

18 WHEREAS, Anita Franklin was a passionate member of Moms Demand Action of
19 Kentucky, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office's Survivors Council of Kentucky, and
20 the Charles Young Center Advisory Board, and had recently been promoted to Director of
21 Community Outreach by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office; and

22 WHEREAS, Anita Denise Rowe Franklin, tireless anti-gun violence advocate and
23 beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, departed this earthly life and entered into the
24 kingdom of Heaven on February 24, 2020, leaving her family, friends, and an entire
25 Commonwealth in solemn mourning; and

26 WHEREAS, Anita Franklin is survived by her daughter, Laneshia Rae (Coy)
27 Conner; son, Ricardo Corey-Delaney Franklin; bonus daughters, Lea (James) Dawson,

1 Robkisha Brown, Khalilah White, RaeShawna Campbell, and Courtney Campbell; bonus
2 son, Cole Campbell; grandchildren, Kennedy, Jordan, Josiah, and Aidyn; and siblings,
3 Kim Rowe Barney, Tonya Leyro, Eric Rowe, Calvin Rowe, Phillip Rowe Jr., and James
4 Shields;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends their most profound sympathy upon the
9 passing of Anita Denise Rowe Franklin, and posthumously commends her for her courage
10 and her activism in her late son Antonio's memory.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
12 memory of Anita Denise Rowe Franklin.

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