

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of William
2 "Billy" Rex Bradford.

3 WHEREAS, this august body pauses in solemn reverence on this day to
4 acknowledge the life and public service of William "Billy" Rex Bradford; and

5 WHEREAS, Billy Bradford was a dedicated and devoted public servant of Elsmere,
6 Kentucky, the community that he loved; and

7 WHEREAS, Billy Bradford was the first African American elected to the Elsmere
8 City Council in the late 1970s; and

9 WHEREAS, Billy Bradford became vice mayor in 1994, then was subsequently
10 elected as the Mayor of Elsmere in 1998, making him the first African American mayor
11 in both Elsmere and the entirety of Northern Kentucky; and

12 WHEREAS, Billy Bradford considered his prime accomplishments to be the
13 formation of the Elsmere Fire District Board, the completion of the Garvey Avenue
14 connector, and the construction of the Elsmere Senior Center; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to his dignified and selfless public service, Billy Bradford
16 served as a church steward at Barnes Temple A.M.E. Church in Elsmere, where he began
17 to develop his leadership skills and admire civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King,
18 whom Billy had the honor of meeting during a church convention in Cincinnati; and

19 WHEREAS, despite his accomplishments and trailblazing in Northern Kentucky
20 politics, Billy Bradford was known as a humble, easygoing yet focused leader who just
21 wanted to help people by fostering a community where all races could work and live
22 together harmoniously;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
27 express their deepest sympathy upon the passing of William "Billy" Rex Bradford, and

1 posthumously honor him for his dedicated and selfless public service to the citizens of
2 this Commonwealth.

3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
4 memory of William "Billy" Rex Bradford.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
6 Resolution to Senator Chris McDaniel for delivery to the family.