

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Louise
2 Slaughter.

3 WHEREAS, Louise M. Slaughter was a daughter of this Commonwealth, having
4 been born in Lynch on August 14, 1929, to the late Daisy Grace and Oscar Lewis; and

5 WHEREAS, Louise Slaughter was a graduate of Somerset High School and the
6 University of Kentucky, where she studied microbiology and public health; and

7 WHEREAS, after moving to New York, Louise Slaughter became increasingly
8 concerned with social issues, and in 1975, after serving as then-New York Secretary of
9 State Mario Cuomo's regional coordinator in Rochester, began an illustrious career in
10 public service; and

11 WHEREAS, after four years as a member of the New York State Assembly, Louise
12 Slaughter earned the Democratic nomination to New York's 30th Congressional district.
13 In 1986 she defeated Fred J. Eckert, and began her first term in Congress in 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout her career in Congress, Louise Slaughter remained vigilant
15 about those causes close to her, particularly women's rights and the ongoing fight against
16 discrimination; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1994, along with Senator Joe Biden, Congresswoman Slaughter co-
18 authored the Violence Against Women Act. She would go on to become the first
19 chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, and legislation that Congresswoman
20 Slaughter had tirelessly fought for -- the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act --
21 was passed in 2008. She was a longtime co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Choice
22 Caucus, and was a passionate advocate against the limiting of *Roe V. Wade*; and

23 WHEREAS, Louise Slaughter, native Kentuckian; stateswoman; and beloved wife,
24 mother, and grandmother, departed this earthly life on March 16, 2018, leaving her
25 family, friends, and an entire nation in solemn mourning; and

26 WHEREAS, Louise Slaughter was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years,
27 Robert "Bob" Slaughter Jr. She is survived by her daughters, Megan (Richard) Secatore,

1 Amy Slaughter, and Emily Robin (Michael) Minerva; seven grandchildren; one great-
2 grandchild; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly
3 miss her presence in their lives;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
8 sympathy upon the passing of Louise Slaughter, and posthumously thank her for her
9 extraordinary service to the United States Congress.

10 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
11 memory of Louise Slaughter.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Johnny Ray Turner for delivery.