

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Reverend
2 Earl Brooks Raglin.

3 WHEREAS, Earl Brooks Raglin was a native son of the Commonwealth of
4 Kentucky, born in Woodford County on July 11, 1935, and peacefully departed this life
5 on January 14, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, the Raglin family has a long history within the state as descendants of
7 slaves Ben and Sally Ragland (later spelled Raglin) that migrated to Kentucky from
8 Virginia with their owners in the early 1800's; and

9 WHEREAS, Earl Raglin attended Zion Hill Elementary, which was a Rosenwald
10 School, and graduated from Ed Davis High School in Georgetown, Kentucky. He earned
11 his seminary degree from the Chicago Seminary College; and

12 WHEREAS, in his youth, Earl Raglin worked with racehorses as a groomsmen at
13 King Ranch Horse Farm and had a career in insurance sales at the Supreme Life
14 Insurance Company, where he was honored for an exceptional record of achievement;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Earl Raglin was a member of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
17 in Lenerson, Kentucky, serving as president and treasurer of the Young Adult Choir and
18 as a Deacon before recognizing his calling to the ministry; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1966, Reverend Raglin became the pastor for Mt. Pleasant Baptist
20 Church in Sadieville, Kentucky, and in 1984, he assumed leadership as pastor for the
21 Marble Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Nicholasville, Kentucky, where he served for
22 the next 35 years. Under his leadership, the church prospered with new programs such as
23 bible study, vacation bible school, outreach van service, scholarships, and historic
24 preservation building renovations; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Raglin and five of his brothers, who were also ministers,
26 joined their voices and musical talents to form a gospel singing group in 1955 known as
27 the Raglin Brothers; and

1 WHEREAS, for over twenty years, the Raglin Brothers was very popular,
2 performing throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, and Michigan. In 1980, the
3 Raglin Brothers were featured on the national television program, *PM Magazine*; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Earl Raglin leaves the legacy of a marriage of 69 years to
5 Anna Beasley Raglin and their five children; Betty Ann Gossey, Earl H. (Michele) Raglin
6 Sr, Deloris, David (Cynthia) Raglin, and Duane (Annie) Raglin;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
9 ***Kentucky:***

10 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate extend their profound and heartfelt
11 sympathy upon the passing of Reverend Earl Brooks Raglin.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, they do so in honor and loving
13 memory of Reverend Earl Brooks Raglin.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery to the family.