

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Leon
2 Gooch.

3 WHEREAS, Leon was a proud native of Lincoln County, Kentucky, where he was
4 born on July 30, 1934, to the late Samuel and Ethen Goode Gooch; and

5 WHEREAS, Leon was a pillar in the Danville/Boyle County community for many
6 years, always with a smile and grateful personality. He retired from First Christian
7 Church, a job he held for 39 years. He was also a custodian at Danville High School for
8 17 years, and he previously worked for Preston Pruitt Funeral Home, Stuart Powell Ford,
9 and Kentucky State Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, Leon loved being involved in many activities and organizations, and
11 he was rewarded and honored for his service on many occasions. In 1983, the captain of
12 the USS Luce allowed him to steer the ship, one of the last civilians given this honor. In
13 2019, Leon received the Community Service Award at the Soul of 2nd Street Festival in
14 Danville; and

15 WHEREAS, Leon was also an Honorary Kentucky Colonel and an active member
16 in the Loyal Benevolent Society No. 3 of East Burgin Kentucky; and

17 WHEREAS, Leon had a deep connection with the lord, which he demonstrated at
18 Jacobs Chapel Methodist Church, Turnersville Baptist Church, and Little Zion Baptist
19 Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Leon is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Gladys "Mama"
21 Bowman Gooch; children, Steve "Tony" Bowman, Richard Gooch, Keith Gooch, and
22 Henrietta "Penny" Short; six grandchildren, Bridget Brown, LaChrista Ellis, Christopher
23 Simpson, Keith Gooch II, Bridget Gooch, Rebecca Moore; eight great-grandchildren,
24 Wynema, Ellis, Whitley, Khalil, Sydney, Aaliyah, King, and Dallas; and a host of nieces,
25 nephews, family and friends;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The Members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
3 express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Leon Gooch, and
4 posthumously thank him for his many contributions to First Christian Church, Danville
5 High School, and the community of Danville/Boyle County.

6 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
7 memory of Leon Gooch.

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