

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of former  
2 U.S. Congressman Larry Jones Hopkins.

3           WHEREAS, this august body pauses in solemn reverence on this day to  
4 acknowledge the life and work of Larry Jones Hopkins, esteemed representative of the  
5 Commonwealth in the United States House of Representatives and beloved son, husband,  
6 father, and grandfather; and

7           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins served this country by joining the Marine Corps  
8 in 1954, prior to beginning his political career; and

9           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins proudly served the people of Central Kentucky at  
10 the local, state, and federal levels of government; and

11           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins served as Fayette County Court Clerk and as both  
12 a State Representative and State Senator before being elected to federal office; and

13           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins was elected to represent Kentucky's Sixth  
14 Congressional District in 1978 and served until 1993 and was a ranking member on the  
15 House Armed Services Committee; and

16           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins's constituent services were cited as "model  
17 operations" by political scientists, and he constantly sought ways to be accessible and to  
18 better communicate with the citizens of the Sixth District; and

19           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins never abandoned the grassroots and personal  
20 approach he enjoyed the most, and worked tirelessly by flying home almost every  
21 weekend to meet at churches, libraries, and malls to personally hear concerns directly  
22 from his constituency; and

23           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins's long support for the Equal Rights Amendment  
24 was punctuated by the creation of Lexington's Annual Women's Conference; and

25           WHEREAS, as a former Marine, Larry Jones Hopkins used his expertise on the  
26 House Armed Services Committee to reform and modernize the military, and before that  
27 worked as a state lawmaker to improve the lives of farmers; and

1           WHEREAS, U.S. Congressman Andy Barr has stated that Larry Jones Hopkins  
2 "was beloved by both sides of the aisle, and his humor was famous with constituents and  
3 colleagues"; and

4           WHEREAS, following his retirement from Congress in 1993, Larry Jones Hopkins  
5 remained a staple in his community, and is remembered by his family and neighbors for  
6 playing Santa Claus for many years and sharing "lucky" marbles with friends, family, and  
7 even casual acquaintances; and

8           WHEREAS, Larry Jones Hopkins is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carolyn  
9 Pennebaker Hopkins; their children: Shae Hopkins of Lexington, Kentucky, Tara  
10 Hopkins of Lexington, Kentucky, and Josh Hopkins of Austin, Texas; grandchildren:  
11 Hannah Hopkins Martin Duffy (Mike) of Culver City, California; Haley Hopkins Martin  
12 Dickerson (Dan) of Lexington, Kentucky; J. Ross Hopkins Martin (Emily) of Glendale,  
13 Ohio; and Mary Kathryn "Kate" Campbell Meyer (Barrett) of Lexington, Kentucky; as  
14 well as great-grandchildren: Eleanora and Charlotte Duffy; Cooper, Tucker, and Lucy  
15 Delle Dickerson; and Roman Meyer;

16           NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
18 ***Kentucky:***

19           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby  
20 express their deepest sympathy upon the passing of Congressman Larry Jones Hopkins,  
21 and posthumously honor him for his varied service to the Commonwealth and to the  
22 nation.

23           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
24 memory of Larry Jones Hopkins.

25           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
26 Resolution to Senator Donald Douglas for delivery to Carolyn Hopkins.