

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Virgil F.
2 Osborne.

3 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne was born on September 7, 1934, to Joe and Florence
4 Osborne; and

5 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne was married the love of his life, Ann Clark, and
6 together they established their home in eastern Kentucky to raise their sons, Joey and
7 Shane; and

8 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne began his teaching career at his alma mater, Virgie
9 High School in Pike County. A few years later, he began teaching for the Jenkins
10 Independent School District in Letcher County. After his teaching career, Virgil F.
11 Osborne decided to continue being an advocate for education and was elected to the local
12 school board; and

13 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne expanded his influence outside of the classroom and
14 became a coach for high school baseball, basketball, and football. Over the course of five
15 seasons as the head basketball coach at Virgie High School his winning record was 126
16 wins 34 losses and at Jenkins was 44 wins 13 losses. While head coach during the 1961 –
17 1962 season, he led the Virgie team to the state tournament and finished the season with
18 30 wins and 5 losses; and

19 WHEREAS, after leaving the world of teaching, in 1968, Virgil F. Osborne became
20 the first executive director of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program,
21 Inc. Since the organization was created in 1968, it has expanded and now administers the
22 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs in 23 mountain counties and the
23 Kentucky Career Center JobSight network of workforce centers, providing access to
24 more than a dozen programs and services for jobseekers and employers under one roof;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne decided to continue promoting high school sports
27 and became a charter member of WYMT Mountain Classic basketball tournament and

1 the Community Trust Bank/WYMT Pike County Bowl for football. For over 35 years,
2 both programs have been successful at promoting high school football and basketball for
3 eastern Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne died on February 5, 2023. He was preceded in death
5 by his parents; his wife; brothers, Burnice, Burl, Gary, and Larry; and sister, Beatrice
6 McNeil; and

7 WHEREAS, Virgil F. Osborne is survived by his two sons, Joey (Beverly) Osborne
8 and Shane (Andrea) Osborne; five grandchildren, Summer Reese, Jasmine Osborne,
9 Chanston Osborne, Lauren Todd, and Ian Osborne; seven great-grandchildren, Eli,
10 Meadow, Jaxon, Maddox, Lyam, Preston, and Tatum; and a host of loving family,
11 friends, and community;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
14 *Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby extend its most profound
16 sympathy upon the passing of Virgil F. Osborne and expresses heartfelt condolences to
17 his family and community in this time of loss.

18 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
19 memory of Virgil F. Osborne.

20 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
21 resolution to Senator Phillip Wheeler for delivery to the family.