

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Julia
2 Cantrell-Martin.

3 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin was born on August 6, 1933, to the late Eliza and
4 Sylvester Cantrell; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of St. Peter Claver High School, Julia Cantrell-Martin went
6 on to graduate from Midway College and become one of the first black students to enroll
7 at the University of Kentucky; and

8 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force
9 who was employed at the Bluegrass Army Depot. She retired from the Army Depot after
10 30 years of meritorious service; and

11 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin was a dutiful 50-year member of East Second
12 Street Christian Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin was an engaged member of her community who
14 remained involved in civic projects and the neighborhood association for much of her
15 adult life. An avid believer in the electoral process, she advocated for change in her
16 community, and sought to influence others through her benevolence and her relentless
17 spirit; and

18 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin was an inductee into the Kentucky Veterans Hall
19 of Fame. She volunteered and worked with such groups as the African American
20 Dementia Outreach Program; Aspendale Teen Center; Big Brothers Big Sisters;
21 Operation Read; and Story Bus, among others; and

22 WHEREAS, a Kentucky Colonel, Julia Cantrell-Martin worked to beautify
23 cemeteries and identify the graves of African American veterans; and

24 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister,
25 departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on January 11, 2020,
26 leaving her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched in solemn mourning;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, Julia Cantrell-Martin was preceded in death by her parents; husband,
2 Lenon Hardy; and siblings, Margaret Gateskill and Benjamin Wright. She is survived by
3 her children, Markus (Melba) Hardy, Lenon Hardy, Eleanor Smothers, and Tassa
4 Wigginton; grandchildren, Lydia Hardy, Michael Hardy, Malachi Hardy, Michelle (Jeff)
5 Clay, James Smothers Jr., Jacques Wigginton, and Nieta Wigginton; several great-
6 grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; siblings, George (Mary Lou) Carter and
7 Charles (Elnora) Carter;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
12 sympathy upon the passing of Julia Cantrell-Martin, and extend heartfelt sympathy to her
13 family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
15 memory of Julia Cantrell-Martin.

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