

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Dr. Samuel Onyejindu Oleka.

WHEREAS, Dr. Oleka was born in Isuikwuato, Nigeria on June 6, 1949, the cherished son of the late Joseph and Jenny Mbaeri Oleka; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oleka held bachelor's degrees from Bryan College and the Igbaja Theological Seminary, a master's from Wheaton College Graduate School, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oleka was the Dean of the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Interdisciplinary Studies at Kentucky State University; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of Memorial Baptist Church, Dr. Oleka was an ECWA-trained and -licensed pastor and was the keynote speaker during the annual ECWA USA National Conference in Maryland in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oleka served on the National Planning Committee of the Emerging Leaders Workshop and the National Collegiate Honors Council Assessment and Evaluation Committee, and was active in the African Christian Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oleka departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on January 19, 2016, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oleka is survived by his wife, Amaka Rhoda Oleka; children, Onyinyechi "Nyechi" Oleka, Dr. Chimsom T. Oleka, and Onyejindu "OJ" Oleka; sister, Ugbala; and brothers, Elder Bennett Oleka, Reverend Cyril Oleka, and Reverend James Amanna Oleka;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Dr. Samuel Onyejindu Oleka, and extend

heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Dr. Samuel Onyejindu Oleka.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Derrick Graham for delivery to the family.