

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in loving memory and honor of Gordon Pat
2 Adkins.

3 WHEREAS, darkness has fallen over the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, that grim shade arrived with the heartbreaking news that our cherished
5 friend and long time colleague and compatriot, Gordon Pat Adkins, shockingly passed
6 after a long, hard-fought struggle that both he and his family bore with exemplary
7 courage; and

8 WHEREAS, Gordon Adkins was born January 18, 1958, the son of Wanda Rice
9 Adkins and the late Harvey "Sonny" Adkins; and

10 WHEREAS, Gordon grew up in Frankfort, graduating from Franklin County High
11 School, and later attending Eastern Kentucky University; and

12 WHEREAS, Gordon was a fixture around this Capitol complex for nearly a quarter
13 of a century during his service with the Legislative Research Commission, most notably
14 as its Telecommunications Coordinator, building and maintaining the telephone and
15 telecommunications wiring systems that allowed the agency to function and conduct the
16 people's business; and

17 WHEREAS, Gordon had a calm, measured way about him that was often
18 accompanied by a wry smile and a gentle chuckle, a manner that served him well and put
19 others at ease when faced with meeting the often overwhelming demands of a legislative
20 session; and

21 WHEREAS, Gordon loved spending time outdoors golfing, hunting, riding his
22 ATV, and fishing, especially on his beloved Lake Cumberland; and

23 WHEREAS, a proud Kentuckian, Gordon was a dedicated and loyal University of
24 Kentucky Wildcat fan as well as a frequent and enthusiastic visitor to Keeneland; and

25 WHEREAS, Gordon especially enjoyed time with his work colleagues as a member
26 of the LRC team in Frankfort's Commonwealth Golf League, which he captained for over
27 a dozen years and led to six league tournament titles; and

1 WHEREAS, Gordon enjoyed all of these many pursuits with a huge and varied
2 network of friends from all over the Commonwealth and beyond, and from all walks of
3 life. Friends who knew that, in Gordon, they had an ally and a champion who would
4 support them whenever adversity reared its head; and

5 WHEREAS, above and beyond his love and devotion to his friends and co-workers,
6 Gordon held a special love and devotion to his wife DeLana, who was his partner and
7 best friend for 23 years and who stalwartly stood by him daily during his illness; and

8 WHEREAS, Gordon's life and many good deeds were cut short all too soon on
9 November 3, 2017, leaving a hole in our community that cannot be filled; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Gordon is survived by his children, Katherine
11 Jo Adkins, Ryan Patrick Adkins (Elizabeth), and Samantha Elizabeth Callebs (Jonathan);
12 his siblings, Bethanie Adkins and Richard Adkins (Emily); and his grandchildren,
13 Braylee Elizabeth and Aubree Ryann Callebs; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Gordon Adkins leaves behind for many of us countless
15 indelible memories of our time with him, his intelligence, his wit, his sense of humor, his
16 deeply held sense of responsibility to get the job done and get it done right, but most
17 importantly, his sense of honor and respect for this Legislature, which will serve as a light
18 for future generations of public servants;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate extend to the family, friends, and
23 community of Gordon Adkins their deepest condolences upon his passing, and, on behalf
24 of a grateful Commonwealth, express appreciation for his service to Kentucky.

25 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory and
26 honor of our eternal friend and colleague, Gordon Adkins.

27 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to DeLana Adkins, 130 Dickinson Drive, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324.