

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Robert Lee  
2 Patterson, Sr.

3           WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr., a native of Paducah, Kentucky, was born on  
4 October 21, 1935, the cherished son of the late Paul Patterson, Sr. and Dorothy L. Bolen  
5 Patterson; and

6           WHEREAS, a graduate of the former Lincoln High School, Robert Lee Patterson  
7 Sr. continued his pursuit of excellence by joining the United States Navy; and

8           WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. returned to his community and became the  
9 first African-American Chief of Police for the City of Paducah and the first in the  
10 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

11           WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. was a member of the Fraternal Order of  
12 Police, was pivotal in initiating the area's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)  
13 program, and aided in establishing the Western Kentucky Narcotics Program; and

14           WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. was a dedicated member of Burks Chapel  
15 African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he actively served in the church's  
16 Brotherhood; and

17           WHEREAS, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. departed this earthly life and entered into the  
18 kingdom of Heaven on October 8, 2017; and

19           WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Robert Lee Patterson, Sr. was preceded in  
20 passing by a grandson, a great-grandson, his brother, and three sisters. He is survived by  
21 his treasured children, Robert Lee Patterson, Jr., Joseph D. Patterson, Milo D. Patterson,  
22 Tracey A. Jefferson, and Je'Na Patterson-Cole; three brothers, Reverend Joe Cole, Paul  
23 Patterson, Jr., and Michael Patterson; three sisters, Beatrice White, Dorothy Young, and  
24 Dimmia Patterson; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and many other family and  
25 friends;

26           NOW, THEREFORE,

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*

1 ***Kentucky:***

2       ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound  
3 sympathy upon the passing of Robert Lee Patterson, Sr., and extend heartfelt condolences  
4 and sentiments of courage to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

5       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
6 memory of Robert Lee Patterson, Sr.

7       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
8 Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for delivery to the family.