

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Donald P.
2 Cross.

3 WHEREAS, Donald P. Cross was the youngest of fifteen children born in Trinidad,
4 Colorado, to John S. and Tucia May Cross; and

5 WHEREAS, Donald Cross served his country in the United States Army from
6 1954-1956; and

7 WHEREAS, Donald Cross began his higher education at Trinidad Junior College
8 before receiving his Bachelor of Science from the University of Iowa. He continued his
9 education earning his Master's degree from Kansas State Teacher's College. Donald then
10 finished his education with a doctorate from the University of Kansas; and

11 WHEREAS, Donald Cross worked in Lee County, Iowa, as a Speech and Hearing
12 Therapist and School Psychologist before moving to Lexington, Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, Donald Cross taught at the University of Kentucky Department of
14 Special Education from 1967-1992, serving as Director of the Educational Assessment
15 Clinic from 1972-1992 and Chairman of the Department from 1980-1992; and

16 WHEREAS, Donald Cross shared his excitement for his work by teaching a
17 summer session at the Easter Seals Camp Kysoc, a camp for children with disabilities.
18 Throughout his career, he advocated for the rights of people with disabilities, especially
19 children. Donald served on over forty committees or boards and nine State Advisory
20 Boards serving exceptional children; and

21 WHEREAS, Donald Cross served locally in Lexington on the Board of Directors
22 for the Child Development Center and as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the
23 Metro Alternative Services to Homeless; and

24 WHEREAS, Donald Cross was passionate about his family and loved being with
25 them. As well, he enjoyed the outdoors, whether that be exploring, fishing or boating.
26 He was a fan of the University of Kentucky basketball and football teams; and

27 WHEREAS, Donald Cross departed this earthly life on February 2, 2020, leaving

1 his family, his friends, and his community in solemn morning; and

2 WHEREAS, Donald Cross is survived by his wife of over 61 years, Rosalie Cross;
3 three children, Mark Cross (Ella), Laura Lemieux (Bob), and Sarah Oddo (Oghale); eight
4 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Ted Cross (Phyllis); and countless
5 nieces and nephews;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
10 sympathies upon the passing of Donald P. Cross and offer heartfelt condolences to his
11 family, his friends, and his community for their loss.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
13 memory of Donald P. Cross.

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