

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of James
2 Bernard Yates Sr.

3 WHEREAS, James Bernard "Jim" Yates was a son of this Commonwealth, having
4 been born in Louisville on April 5, 1929, the cherished son of the late William Patrick
5 and Mary Lennie Yates; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Yates was a proud member of Mount Carmel and Incarnation
7 Catholic Churches and the American Legion Post 220, and was a veteran of the United
8 States Army who served in World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Yates was a graduate of Bellarmine College. In 1968 he was
10 elected to the Shively City Council, serving two terms before being elected state
11 representative for the 44th Legislative District. He won 11 consecutive elections, proudly
12 serving in this General Assembly for 23 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Jim Yates was the executive director for the Mechanical Contractors
14 Association, serving as a liaison between the plumbers and pipefitters unions and their
15 contractors; and

16 WHEREAS, James Bernard Yates Sr., a titan of Louisville and a Kentucky
17 statesman of the first order, departed this earthly life on April 25, 2021, leaving all those
18 whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Yates was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Durham, and
20 brothers, Charles Yates, Earl Yates, and Kenneth Yates. He is survived by his wife,
21 Wanda Jewell Yates; children, James B. Yates, William Patrick Yates, Charles Edwin
22 Yates (Karen), and Steven Sharp (Alene); sisters, LaVerne Parrish and Joanne Swan;
23 seven grandchildren, including current Kentucky State Senator David Yates; six great-
24 grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
2 extend their most profound sympathy upon the passing of James Bernard Yates Sr., and
3 extend heartfelt condolences to their esteemed colleague, Senator David Yates, in his
4 family's time of loss.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 memory of James Bernard Yates Sr.

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