

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Louisville
2 Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht.

3 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that this body stands in mourning on this day
4 upon the tragic loss of Officer Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht, who was killed in the
5 line of duty on December 24, 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Detective Mengedoht was a proud graduate of the University of
7 Louisville and the Louisville Metro Police Department's Training Academy. In October
8 2011 she was sworn in, and began her career as a beat officer before becoming a detective
9 with the 2nd Division; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2011, while she was a recruit in the training academy, Dee Dee
11 Mengedoht was given an assignment to write her autobiography. In that piece she wrote
12 about her great love of her family, particularly her son, Todd, calling him "her entire
13 world. Upon becoming a mother, I was immediately more aware that life, indeed, has a
14 purpose that cannot be taken for granted." She also wrote about how she was the first
15 person in her family to go to college, and her desire to become a police officer in
16 Louisville so that she could give back to her beloved community; and

17 WHEREAS, it is the belief of this august body, and of the citizens of this great
18 Commonwealth, that law enforcement officers are the backbones of our communities,
19 and their heroic efforts should be acknowledged by all who benefit from their service; and

20 WHEREAS, it is in this spirit that the members hereby express their appreciation
21 for the exemplary service of Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht, who gave her
22 life while courageously serving her community, and who served the city of Louisville
23 with the utmost distinction, bravery, and heroism; and

24 WHEREAS, Detective Mengedoht was preceded in death by her grandmothers,
25 Irene Angelillo, Lilly Hefley, Rosie Shaw, and Birdie Cassidy; and grandfathers, Charles
26 C. Young and Wayne Ackert Sr. She is survived by her beloved son, Preston Mengedoht;
27 mom and dad, Brenda and Chuck Young; father, Wayne Ackert Jr.; sister, Ashley Lewis;

1 grandparents, Gill and Mary Stotts, Judy Young, and Marie Ackert; and a host of other
2 family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss her presence in their lives;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
7 sympathy upon the passing of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee"
8 Mengedoht.

9 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate extend condolences to the family of
10 Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht, and to the entire
11 Louisville Metro law enforcement community in this time of loss.

12 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and eternal
13 gratitude of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Irene "Dee Dee" Mengedoht.

14 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery to the family.