

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dr. James
2 Ray Rich.

3 WHEREAS, James Ray Rich was a cherished son of this Commonwealth, having
4 been born in Covington on June 23, 1927; and

5 WHEREAS, James Ray Rich proudly served in the United States Navy during
6 World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, James Ray Rich graduated from Georgetown College and the
8 University of Louisville School of Medicine; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1955, Dr. Rich opened a family medical practice in Taylor Mill,
10 Kentucky, continuing that practice for 56 years until his retirement in 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Rich represented Kentucky's 5th Fish and Wildlife Commission
12 District for 36 years, and was the longest serving Commission Member of the Kentucky
13 Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Rich is the only Commission member to receive Commission
15 Member Emeritus status. Over the course of his tenure, eight Kentucky Governors
16 appointed him to the Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1998, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
18 named the 2,273-acre wildlife management area in Owen County in Dr. Rich's honor; and

19 WHEREAS, a passionate hunter and fisherman, Dr. Rich was a member of the
20 League of Kentucky Sportsmen, the National Rifle Association, and the National Wild
21 Turkey Federation; and

22 WHEREAS, James Ray Rich, a true Kentuckian and beloved father and
23 grandfather, departed this earthly life on February 17, 2020, leaving all those whose lives
24 he touched in solemn mourning; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Rich is survived by his daughter, Sara Trauth and her husband,
26 Eric; sons, David and his wife, Marie, and Jimmy and his wife, Kelly; and grandchildren,
27 Ethan, Evan, Hannah, Emma, David, and Nicole;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
3 *Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
5 sympathy upon the passing of Dr. James Ray Rich, and posthumously thank him for his
6 extraordinary contributions to fish and wildlife conservation in this Commonwealth.

7 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
8 memory of Dr. James Ray Rich.

9 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb for delivery to the family.