

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Humana's
2 David Allen Jones.

3 WHEREAS, this honorable body pauses on this day to reflect on the life of one of
4 this Commonwealth's most influential figures, Humana co-founder David Allen Jones;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, David Jones was raised in West Louisville, where he was a renowned
7 Golden Gloves boxer. A child of the Depression, his working-class demeanor and
8 unmatched work ethic were honed at an early age, and in fact it was common for him to
9 show up to business meetings in his trademark short sleeves; and

10 WHEREAS, David Jones co-founded, along with his partner Wendell Cherry,
11 Humana in 1961, and remained with the company until his retirement as board chair in
12 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, Humana's reach and influence on the health care industry is immense
14 and resonates after David Jones' passing. Humana began its ascent as a nursing home
15 company and became, by the time of Jones's retirement, one of this nation's largest
16 insurance companies; and

17 WHEREAS, David Jones became an instrumental figure not only in American
18 healthcare initiatives, but in the implementation of systemic changes around the world,
19 including overhauling Romania's healthcare system; and

20 WHEREAS, in this Commonwealth and to its citizens he was equally as influential,
21 advocating for educational changes and civic engagement. In the city of Louisville he is
22 even more beloved, and his influence on his cherished hometown can be felt in myriad
23 ways, from the launching of Actors Theater's Humana Festival of New American Plays, a
24 touchstone of playwriting and the dramatic arts in the Midwest, to his visionary
25 development, along with his son Dan, of the Parklands of Floyds Forks, a state-of-the-art
26 greenspace and public grounds; and

27 WHEREAS, David Jones remained until his passing a man of action. It was said he

1 never forgot a name, and it is his belief in people—his employees, his fellow citizens, and
2 the men and women who put his visions into action—that is perhaps his greatest legacy.
3 He was fond of saying, "You cannot claim the moral high ground by assertion, only by
4 action," and in all his initiatives—from his work at Humana to his belief in quality
5 education to his unwavering passion for his hometown and its people—he remained a
6 man in the arena; and

7 WHEREAS, David Jones passed from this life on September 18, 2019, a little more
8 than a month after the death of his beloved wife Betty, and this body stands on this day in
9 solemn reverence for one of this Commonwealth's titans; and

10 WHEREAS, David Jones is survived by his and Betty's children, David A. Jones Jr.
11 (Mary Gwen Wheeler), Susan Jones, Dan Jones (Lisa), Matt Jones (Nancy), and Carol
12 Jones; grandchildren, Nate, Becky, Sara, Logan, Daniel, Ellie, Katherine, Will, Isaac, and
13 Benham; sister, Jean Donoho; brother, Clarence Jones (Denise); and a host of other
14 family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
17 *Kentucky:*

18 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor David Allen Jones;
19 posthumously thank him for his profound contributions to the field of healthcare, to the
20 city of Louisville, and to this Commonwealth; and extend their most profound
21 condolences to his family.

22 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
23 memory of David Allen Jones.

24 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Robert Stivers II for delivery to the family.