

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Thomas Martin Baker.

WHEREAS, Tom Baker was born January 25, 1957, in Erie, Pennsylvania, the cherished son of Alan L. Baker and the late Jeanne O. Baker; and

WHEREAS, Tom Baker was a proud graduate of Cambridge Springs High School and Western Kentucky University. A former employee for Sears, BGMU, and Bluegrass Renovations/Home Renewal, he had been a realtor with Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate since 1992; and

WHEREAS, a nature enthusiast, big game hunter, and conservationist, Tom Baker was the chairman of the Appalachian Wildlife Foundation, the chairman and director of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation in Washington, D.C., the chairman of the board and director of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the chairman and commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, a lifetime member of the Boone and Crockett Club, and the founder of the Kentucky Elk Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, Tom Baker was the former director of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of Bowling Green-Warren County Crimestoppers, and the founder of Citizens for Honest Government; and

WHEREAS, Tom Baker was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Tom Baker departed this earthly life and entered the gates of Heaven on December 21, 2014, leaving his family, friends, and an entire community in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Tom Baker is survived by his father; his wife, Marilyn Baker; his children, USMC Gunnery Sgt. Jay Donnelly and his wife, Kelly, USMC Major Nathan Baker and his wife, Stephanie, USMC Sgt. Matt Baker and his wife, Makenzie, Gabe Baker, and Sarah Baker; his five grandchildren, Cassidy, Nate, Hunter, Blake, and Sophia; and his siblings, Father Gerald Baker, Dan Baker, Lisa VanWye, Matt Baker and his wife, Margaret, John Baker and his wife, Sandra, and Kathryn Bornemann and her

husband, George;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby expresses its most profound and sincere condolences upon the passing of Thomas Martin Baker, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Thomas Martin Baker.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Marilyn Baker, 908 Highland Way, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42104.