

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Sam Swope.

WHEREAS, Sam Swope was a native of Lakewood, Ohio, having been born on August 24, 1926, the cherished son of the late Lytle and Dorothy Swope; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope proudly served his country as a petty officer, second class, in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope graduated from the Ohio State University in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope became an integral figure in the Louisville community. For six decades he worked in the new and used car industry, and the dealership he built and that bears his name stands today as a monument to his vision, work ethic, and extraordinary business acumen; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope broke into the car industry in 1952 with Swope Motors, Inc., in Elizabethtown. He founded Toyota of Louisville and Sam Swope Auto Group shortly thereafter, and today the Swope Auto Group is one of the most recognizable automotive dealerships in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope won the *Time* Magazine Quality Dealer Award in 1971, which honors American car dealers for exceptional performance and distinguished community service. In 1997, Mr. Swope was named the Humanitarian of the Year and was the recipient of the Wings of Hope Award by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America; in 2009, he was recognized as the Louisvillian of the Year by the Advertising Federation of Louisville; and in 2012, he was awarded the Presidential Medal by Dr. James Ramsey, the President of the University of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope was active in many charities and civic endeavors, offering his time and financial support to the Sam Swope Charity Ride in Orlando, Florida, which raised over one million dollars for the Shriners Hospital of Louisville. Of all the charities to which Mr. Swope gave his time and treasure, Kosair Charities was profoundly dear to him. His affiliation with Kosair began more than five decades ago. In 1998, he served as

Honorary Chair of the Kosair Charities 75th Anniversary Celebration, and in recognition of the event he donated \$75,000 and *The Silent Messenger*, a statue of a Shriner holding a child that stands outside Kosair Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope, a kind man who was known for his sense of humor and his kind soul, departed this earthly life on December 9, 2014, leaving behind a legacy of economic success, charitable giving, and indelible generosity that will last for generations; and

WHEREAS, Sam Swope was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Gavin Winkler; and many beloved pets. He is survived by his wife, Marlys Swope; his son, Brad Swope and his wife, Ann; his daughters, Susan Swope and Patricia Swope (Rich Van Camp); his brother, F.W. "Bill" Swope and his wife, Betty; and his grandchildren, Travis Winkler, Julia Winkler, Dale Erwin, Zach Erwin, and Chloe Erwin;

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 Sam Swope, 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 Sam Swope.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Ron Crimm for delivery.