

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Thomas L. Owen.

2 WHEREAS, Tom Owen was born on October 15, 1939, and was raised in the
3 Parkland neighborhood of Louisville; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Owen's political career began in 1989, when he was elected Third
5 Ward Alderman. In this role, he introduced a citywide recycling program and became
6 well-known for his passionate activism promoting bicycling and public transit. Dr. Owen
7 was elected as one of the original members of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro
8 Council in 2002, serving as president of that body in 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2016, Tom Owen retired from the Metro Council, ending an
10 exemplary run of service that saw many positive changes to the city of Louisville and to
11 Councilman Owen's district, which encompasses much of the Highlands area; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Owen holds a Ph.D. in American history and a master's degree
13 from the University of Louisville, and bachelor's degrees from the Methodist Theological
14 School and Kentucky Wesleyan University. Since 1975, Dr. Owen has served as a full
15 professor and archivist at the University of Louisville, and is well known as a local
16 historian and expert on the city of Louisville. He has long given walking tours of the city,
17 and his segment *Sidewalks* was a popular staple on public radio; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom Owen has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from
19 the Louisville Historical League, the Outstanding University of Louisville Employee
20 Award, an honorary membership in the Kentucky Chapter of the American Institute of
21 Architects, and a Patron Service Award at the University of Louisville Libraries; and

22 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body acknowledge those
23 Kentuckians who go above and beyond their normal duties to better their communities,
24 and in this spirit the members of the House of Representatives rightfully honor Tom
25 Owen on this day for his years of dedicated service to the Metro Council and to his
26 beloved city of Louisville. In so doing, the members acknowledge Dr. Owen's beloved
27 wife, Phyllis Johnston, and his children, Elisa, Stephen, and Andrew, and commend them

1 for their unwavering support of this great Louisvillian;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby congratulates Louisville Metro
6 Councilman Thomas L. Owen upon his retirement, and thanks him for his years of
7 exemplary service to his district and to the city of Louisville.

8 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
9 honor of Thomas L. Owen.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
11 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jim Wayne for delivery.