

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor of Manfred Reid Sr. upon  
2 winning the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award.

3           WHEREAS, Manfred Reid is a resident of West Louisville, Kentucky, where he  
4 lives in the Beecher Terrace housing complex; and

5           WHEREAS, for three decades, Manfred Reid has tirelessly advocated for better and  
6 more affordable housing in the city of Louisville; and

7           WHEREAS, Manfred Reid grew up in the Park DuValle neighborhood of  
8 Louisville and graduated from Central High School and Kentucky State University. He  
9 owned his own real estate company before he and a group of friends were accosted by  
10 police in the 1960s. The group, called "The Black 6," were indicted, resulting in Mr. Reid  
11 losing his home and business before his acquittal; and

12           WHEREAS, this event and its aftermath shaped Manfred Reid's life and activism,  
13 and he has long held the philosophical belief that not only buildings should be part of  
14 housing policies, but also the people living inside those buildings must be developed,  
15 trained, and properly cared for; and

16           WHEREAS, Manfred Reid has served as chairman of the Louisville Metro Housing  
17 Authority Board since 2000, and has been involved with myriad other community and  
18 civic organizations, including Neighborhood Place Ujima, YouthBuild, and the West  
19 Louisville Performing Arts Academy; and

20           WHEREAS, on January 15, 2016, Manfred Reid will be honored with the Dr.  
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award by Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. The award  
22 recognizes those citizens who have dedicated their lives to promoting justice, peace,  
23 freedom, non-violence, racial equality, and civic activism; and

24           WHEREAS, in a statement, Mayor Fischer stated that Manfred Reid is "a man of  
25 character, a man of ideas, and a man of action. He believes firmly in the need to nurture  
26 resident leadership, and he holds himself and his community to very high standards on  
27 that score"; and

1           WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully congratulates Manfred Reid Sr. upon  
2 being awarded the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award, honors him for the  
3 decades of work he has accomplished on behalf of those less fortunate, and wishes him  
4 the best of luck as he continues to serve as a shining example of this Commonwealth's  
5 longstanding spirit of community activism and the indomitable pursuit of civil rights for  
6 all;

7           NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
9 *Kentucky:*

10           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate honor Manfred Reid Sr. upon being the  
11 recipient of the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award, and thank him for the  
12 decades of good work he has done on behalf of the citizens of Louisville.

13           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and gratitude  
14 of Manfred Reid Sr.

15           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
16 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.