

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of Robert L. Madon.

3 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was born on November 21, 1934, the cherished son
4 of the late James Robert Madon and Ada Lee Bush Smith; and

5 WHEREAS, a 1953 graduate of Pineville High School, Robert L. Madon continued
6 his pursuit of excellence by attending Millersburg Military Institute and serving his
7 country as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He also
8 attended Eastern Kentucky University, Union College, and Cumberland College; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church of
10 Pineville. He enjoyed singing in the church choir and serving as an Associate Sunday
11 School Superintendent; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was actively involved in the Pineville community as
13 a President of the Pineville Jaycees, charter member of the Pineville Athletic Boosters
14 Club, and a member of the Bennett Asher, Post 10 American Legion and the Dewey Guy,
15 Post 14 American Legion in Pineville and Middlesboro. He also served the Kentucky
16 League of Cities in multiple capacities, including as President and Director, from 1979 to
17 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was the General Manager of the Pineville Sun-
19 Cumberland Courier and General Manager of WANO Radio, later managing the
20 Cumberland Trading Post, WFXY Radio, and WXJB Radio; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was an avid sports fan, becoming the voice of the
22 Pineville Mountain Lions. He later became a basketball official with the Kentucky High
23 School Athletic Association, officiating numerous basketball games and state
24 tournaments for both girls and boys; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1968, Robert L. Madon was an Administrative Assistant to
26 Republican Governor Louie B. Nunn. In 1971, he filled a vacancy on the Pineville City
27 Council and served until 1974, when he was named City Judge. He continued serving his

1 community when elected Mayor in 1977; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon helped make many improvements to his beloved
3 city. He served on the Flood Related Projects Committee after the 1977 flood, and he
4 procured millions of dollars towards the construction of the floodwall and the US 25E
5 Bypass, which is named in his honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon continued as the General Chairman of the Kentucky
7 Mountain Laurel Festival in 1966, and was its General Co-Chairman in 1973. He emceed
8 the Princess and Queens Pageants and was on the pageant's Advisory Board for many
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was elected to the 1995 Kentucky Mountain Laurel
11 Festival Hall of Fame, and he received the 1999 Outstanding Service and 2005 Lifetime
12 Honorary Director awards; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon departed this earthly life on January 28, 2018,
14 leaving those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert L. Madon was preceded in death by his great-grandparents,
16 Nathan and Claudia Hendrickson Madon, and Fred and Phoebe Bush; his father, James R.
17 "Bob" Madon and his wife, Theda Campbell Madon; and his mother, Ada Lee Bush
18 Smith and her husband, Joe C. Smith. He is survived by his children, Renee Howard,
19 Lloyd Oslonian, Celia Lee Hunter and her husband, Freddie Hunter, Scott Madon and his
20 wife, Elizabeth Madon, and Brent Madon and his wife, Jacinda Madon; his former spouse
21 and beloved friend, Kaye Madon; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other
22 family and friends who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
27 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Robert L. Madon, and extend heartfelt

1 condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 honor and loving memory of Robert L. Madon.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative Rick G. Nelson for delivery to the family.