

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of William Franklin "Billy" Graham Jr.

3 "Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word
4 of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have
5 gone into the presence of God."—William Franklin "Billy" Graham Jr.

6 WHEREAS, the United States of America has lost one of its most treasured sons;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Billy Graham, patriot, trusted adviser to presidents, and a true man of
9 God Almighty, departed this earthly life and entered his heavenly home on February 21,
10 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, Billy Graham's death marked the end of an extraordinary public career
12 and a life full of grace, wisdom, and selfless sacrifice for his fellow man; and

13 WHEREAS, Billy Graham was born on November 7, 1918, in Charlotte, North
14 Carolina; and

15 WHEREAS, at the age of 16, Billy Graham was converted to Christianity at a tent
16 revival led by Mordecai Ham. For the next eight decades of his life, Rev. Graham would
17 follow the teachings of Christ with a courage and tenacity that was almost unmatched,
18 and he would impart that wisdom to all he met, mentoring in both the public and private
19 spheres and becoming a source of Christ's teachings to millions of people around the
20 world; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1947, Billy Graham began his famous Crusades. He would go on to
22 conduct more than 400 of these in 185 countries, preaching the gospel and inviting people
23 to come forward to be saved; and

24 WHEREAS, Billy Graham was a champion of civil rights, espousing the belief that
25 all people were equal under God. He would form a relationship with Dr. Martin Luther
26 King Jr., and in 1963 Rev. Graham posted bail after Dr. King was arrested in
27 Birmingham; and

1 WHEREAS, one of Billy Graham's most prominent roles was as a spiritual adviser
2 to the President of the United States. Starting with Harry Truman in 1950, Rev. Graham
3 was intimately involved with the spiritual guidance of almost every sitting President. In
4 1981, after President Ronald Reagan was shot, he called Rev. Graham from his hospital
5 bed. In 1991, after the United States invaded Iraq, Rev. Graham would sit with President
6 George H.W. Bush late into the night at the White House; and

7 WHEREAS, Billy Graham was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ruth. He is
8 survived by his children, Virginia Leftwich Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, Ruth Graham,
9 Franklin Graham, and Nelson Edman Graham; and several grandchildren and great-
10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, for his enormous contributions to the spiritual well-being of
12 Americans, for his unshakeable faith in Jesus Christ, and for all he accomplished during
13 his 99 years on this earth, this body rightfully honors Billy Graham on this day; and

14 WHEREAS, in so doing, the body posthumously thanks him for his profound
15 contributions to Christian life in the United States of America, and urges all those in this
16 Commonwealth to follow Rev. Graham's teachings in their own lives;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
21 most profound sympathy upon the passing of "America's Pastor," William Franklin
22 "Billy" Graham Jr., and stand in solemn mourning on this day along with millions of
23 others who were touched by Rev. Graham's compassion and guidance.

24 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
25 honor and loving memory of William Franklin "Billy" Graham Jr.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
27 copy of this Resolution to Representative DJ Johnson.