

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Jack Brammer upon his induction into the Kentucky
2 Journalism Hall of Fame.

3 *"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real*
4 *reason we want newspapers to be free."* - Edward R. Murrow

5 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame was created in 1980 by the
6 University of Kentucky Journalism Alumni Association and is housed in the School of
7 Journalism and Media; and

8 WHEREAS, each year, a selection committee consisting of journalism
9 representatives representing various genres in the journalism spectrum reviews
10 nominations of Kentuckians to honor those who made significant contributions to the
11 profession during their careers. The 2018 Class was inducted on April 9, 2018, and a
12 familiar face to this body, Jack Brammer, was an inductee; and

13 WHEREAS, on April 9, 2018, Jack Brammer was inducted into the 38th class of
14 the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. Mr. Brammer has reported from the Lexington
15 Herald-Leader's capital bureau for 40 years and is currently the newspaper's Frankfort
16 Bureau Chief; and

17 WHEREAS, a Maysville native with a Master's degree in Communication from the
18 University of Kentucky, Jack Brammer began his storied career as a reporter at
19 Shelbyville's Sentinel-News before joining the Lexington Leader, which later merged
20 with the Lexington Herald, two years later. Mr. Brammer has reported from Frankfort
21 since that time, earning the highly prestigious Selden Ring for Investigative Reporting in
22 1990 for the "Cheating Our Children" series that uncovered funding inequities in the
23 state's public schools. He and others involved in the series, which also was a Pulitzer
24 Prize finalist, donated the Award's \$25,000 prize for a scholarship fund at Alice Lloyd
25 College in honor of former Herald-Leader Editor John S. Carroll, who was editor at the
26 time of the series's publication. The series led to legislative changes in state property
27 assessment laws; and

1 WHEREAS, Jack Brammer's tenure and coverage have spanned nine governors and
2 some of the most significant events in history. In addition to the education series and the
3 most important news events from Frankfort, he has reported on the Carrollton bus
4 crash—the worst bus crash in United States history—and enjoyed a personal conversation
5 with Mother Teresa; and

6 WHEREAS, those nominating Jack Brammer for the Hall of Fame praised him for
7 his fairness, which is an attribute noticed by all in this body and is among the highest
8 praise bestowed upon a journalist in the political arena; and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Brammer and his wife, Brenda, live in Shelby County and have
10 one son, Ben; and

11 WHEREAS, this honorable body is proud of its association with Jack Brammer,
12 and is confident that all Kentuckians feel just a bit freer because of that association;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
15 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

16 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives honor Jack Brammer
17 upon his induction into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, acknowledge his fairness
18 in the coverage of events in and around the Capitol, and salute his adherence to the
19 highest standards in journalism.

20 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns today, it does so in
21 honor of Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame inductee Jack Brammer.

22 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a
23 copy of this Resolution to Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame inductee Jack Brammer.