

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Joe Phelps upon the occasion of his January
2 21, 2018, retirement as pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

3 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps earned a Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist
4 Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps began his ministry as an associate pastor at Highland Park
6 Baptist Church in Austin, Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps founded Church of the Savior, where he served for 12
8 years, and also founded "No Murders Metro", an interdenominational, interracial group
9 that held prayer vigils at murder sites throughout Louisville; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps has had a significant impact for good in both civic life and
11 Louisville's faith community; and

12 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps writes as a guest columnist for *The Courier-Journal*. He is
13 a co-chair for EmpowerWest, a black and white church collaboration in West Louisville
14 and serves on the boards of Kentucky Refugee Ministries and EthicsDaily.com; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps wrote *More Light, Less Heat: How Dialogue Can*
16 *Transform Conflict into Growth* in 1998, and continues to lead workshops on this global
17 issue; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps was installed as pastor of Highland Baptist Church in
19 March 1997, and will serve his final day there on January 21, 2018; and

20 WHEREAS, Joe Phelps shares his life with his wife Terri; daughter, Carly; son,
21 Steven; daughter and son-in-law, Kara and Luch; and grandchildren, Max and Kathryn;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Reverend Joe Phelps upon
26 the occasion of his January 21, 2018, retirement as pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

27 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Reverend

- 1 Joe Phelps.
- 2 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 3 Resolution to Reverend Joe Phelps, 2000 Emerson Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40205.