

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing John Tackett as the Pickleball Ambassador of
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, John Tackett significantly developed and expanded the E.P. "Tom"
4 Sawyer State Park pickleball program since 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, John Tackett created beginner pickleball sessions at E.P. "Tom"
6 Sawyer State Park that helped new players to play with people of their skill level and then
7 develop into better players through his tutelage of the fundamentals of pickleball; and

8 WHEREAS, John Tackett encouraged a warm, open environment that ensured
9 everyone had an equal opportunity to participate in the pickleball activities; and

10 WHEREAS, John Tackett's ongoing commitment to the pickleball program at E.P.
11 "Tom" Sawyer State Park helped this sport to grow significantly, serving over 250
12 participants from pre-teen pickleball players to those in their 90s; and

13 WHEREAS, John Tackett organized the very first E.P. "Tom" Sawyer Park
14 Pickleball Tournament in January 2012. The tournament has grown to include over 150
15 participants representing eight states and has expanded the awareness, appreciation, and
16 use of the E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park; and

17 WHEREAS, John Tackett was the heart of the E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park
18 Pickleball Program, leading the group he affectionately referred to as "My Gang"; and

19 WHEREAS, John Tackett was a true ambassador to the sport of pickleball as well
20 as the E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park. John's ongoing support helped other facilities in
21 Louisville to develop their own pickleball programs in communities like Shively,
22 Lagrange, and Shelbyville, as well as in many church gymnasiums, YMCAs, and
23 recreational centers across the state; and

24 WHEREAS, John Tackett passed away suddenly on May 27, 2017, at the age of 59;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, John Tackett is survived by his mother, Shirley Tackett Moore, and his
27 loving wife, Vicki Weare Tackett. He is also survived by daughters, Chrissy Haywood and

1 her husband Allen, and Michelle Clark and her husband Kelly; and sisters Vickie Bowen
2 and her husband Ronnie, Connie Laster, and Vanessa Troillett and her husband Russell;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
7 gratitude for John Tackett's service and commitment to the pickleball community in
8 Kentucky.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
10 memory of John Tackett, the Pickleball Ambassador of Kentucky.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Vicki Tackett, 4900 Warm Spring Court, Louisville, Kentucky 40245.