

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of Suzy Post.

3 WHEREAS, Suzy Post, an iconic figure in the struggle for social justice and a
4 trailblazer in the field of civil rights, departed this earthly life on January 2, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, while a student at Indiana University, Suzy Post joined a student
6 branch of the NAACP, and it was there that her moral compass and her passionate
7 dedication to equality was forged. She went on to earn a degree in English Literature from
8 Cal Berkeley in 1955, and returned to her native Louisville after graduation; and

9 WHEREAS, it was in this Commonwealth that Suzy Post would make her most
10 memorable civil rights achievements. In 1969 she became president of the Kentucky Civil
11 Liberties Union, helping to organize the first statewide women's conference and serving
12 as chair of the Kentucky Pro-Equal Rights Amendment Alliance. She helped an
13 Owensboro woman win the right to have an abortion in a public hospital, and was
14 instrumental in procuring an injunction barring visiting Bible teachers from leading
15 public school classes in Pikeville. She was a passionate opponent of capital punishment,
16 and remained throughout her life a tireless supporter of desegregation in public schools
17 and of equal pay for women; and

18 WHEREAS, after an eight-year stint with the Louisville-Jefferson County Human
19 Relations Commission, Suzy Post was named director of the Kentucky Civil Liberties
20 Union. In 1990 she became founding director of the Metropolitan Housing Commission,
21 which helped to increase the supply of affordable housing in Louisville. For her decades
22 of groundbreaking activism, she was named to the Kentucky Human Rights Commission
23 Hall of Fame in 2007; and

24 WHEREAS, upon Suzy Post's passing, the members rightfully commend her for a
25 lifetime spent upholding the timeless values of equality, liberty, and justice for all. For
26 her passionate advocacy of the most vulnerable citizens of this Commonwealth, and for
27 her decades of standing up to the powerful on behalf of the powerless, it is rightful that

1 Suzy Post—cherished mother and titan of civil rights—be duly celebrated by all in this
2 Commonwealth;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
7 most profound condolences upon the passing of Suzy Post, and extend heartfelt
8 condolences to her family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

9 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives acknowledge Suzy
10 Post's activism and the indelible legacy in the field of civil rights she leaves behind.

11 ➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
12 honor and loving memory of Suzy Post.

13 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
14 copy of this Resolution to Representative Mary Lou Marzian, for delivery.