

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving  
2 memory of Anthony Joe Phelps.

3           WHEREAS, Anthony Joe Phelps was born on March 19, 1954, in Louisville,  
4 Kentucky, to James Arthur Phelps and Bessie Preston; and

5           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps graduated from Butler High School in 1972 before  
6 beginning his career at the Phillip Morris Louisville plant; and

7           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps was committed to his community and his union brothers  
8 and sisters, serving as an officer in the Bakery, Confectioners, and Tobacco Union. He  
9 helped to negotiate benefits for his union members when the plant shut down in 2000;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps represented his union with Metro United Way in the 1980s,  
12 1990s, and early 2000s as a volunteer Loaned Executive. In 2014, he joined full-time as  
13 Labor Liaison and Community Services vice president; and

14           WHEREAS, during his time with Metro United Way, Joe served as Recording-  
15 Secretary of the Greater Louisville Central Labor Council; and

16           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps worked as assistant director of AFSCME Indiana Kentucky  
17 Council 962; and

18           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps cofounded Operation Victory, an organization through  
19 Metro United Way and Greater Louisville Central Labor Council that renovates homes  
20 for homeless veterans in the Greater Louisville area; and

21           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps oversaw the Labor Crisis fund that assists union members  
22 in times of extreme hardship. He also organized the James T. Reddington Golf Scramble  
23 which raised funds for the Labor Crisis fund and Metro United Way; and

24           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps' life was devoted to service to his community and fellow  
25 union members, doing whatever he could to help make people's lives better; and

26           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps departed this earthly life on February 20, 2019, leaving his  
27 family, friends, and community in solemn mourning; and

1           WHEREAS, Joe Phelps is survived by his cherished wife, Shelia Owens; his  
2 mother and step-father, Bessie and Hayward Preston; his step-brother and sisters, David  
3 Allen Hardin, Cathy Sullivan, Mary Pat Martin, Bennie Jane Whitlock, and Bibianna  
4 Ostrand; his niece, Melissa Drake Smith; his nephew, Michael Scott Drake; dear friends,  
5 Nancy and Walt Norris, and Charlene and Bob Atkins; many cousins; and countless  
6 friends through his work. Joe was preceded in death by his father and step-mother, James  
7 Arthur and Martha Elizabeth Phelps; his sister, Rita Phelps Drake; his step-brother, Pat  
8 Hardin; and step-sister, Joann Frank;

9           NOW, THEREFORE,

10           *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
11 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

12           ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their  
13 most profound sympathies upon the passing of Anthony Joe Phelps and extended heartfelt  
14 condolences to his family, friends, and community for their loss.

15           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
16 honor and loving memory of Anthony Joe Phelps.

17           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
18 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jeffery Donohue for delivery.