

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of James Archambeault.

3 WHEREAS, James Archambeault, the renowned Kentucky photographer who
4 captured our Commonwealth at its most beautiful, passed from this earthly life on March
5 4, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, James Archambeault, a resident of Scott County, Kentucky, and a
7 native of Flint, Michigan, published his first book, *Kentucky*, in 1982. The iconic book
8 included images of Kentucky in Archambeault's stripped-down style, and many of the
9 landscapes he shot were accomplished because of his extraordinary patience, as the
10 photographer got in position and calmly waited until everything—light, angle, and
11 subject—were perfect. It was this patience and rigorous attention to detail that made
12 Archambeault a Kentucky treasure and an artist of the first order; and

13 WHEREAS, a latecomer to photography, James Archambeault graduated from
14 Duquesne University before joining the Peace Corps. He returned to Louisville at the age
15 of 26 to work for United Press International, then went on to work for the Child
16 Advocacy Council. One afternoon he was contacted by a man from Oregon who wanted
17 to turn a box of Kentucky prints into a book, and Archambeault was given the job. This
18 project led him into a career as a photographer; and

19 WHEREAS, aside from his books, James Archambeault's work has appeared in
20 publications such as *Architectural Digest*, *National Geographic*, and *The Smithsonian*
21 *Guide to Natural America*; and

22 WHEREAS, James Archambeault is survived by his beloved wife, Lee Oliphant
23 Archambeault; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Bennett Chamberlin; and sons, Noah
24 Oliphant and Eli Kay-Oliphant; and

25 WHEREAS, this honorable body commends those artists whose work becomes a
26 touchpoint for all Kentuckians, and whose craft is accomplished at such an extraordinary
27 level that they improve the culture of arts and artists in this Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, James Archambeault is one such artist, and on this day all in this
2 Commonwealth mourn his loss while also posthumously acknowledging his profound
3 contributions to the field of photography and for the kinship he felt for Kentucky's natural
4 beauty;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
9 most profound sympathy upon the passing of James Archambeault, and extend heartfelt
10 condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

11 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
12 honor and loving memory of James Archambeault.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
14 copy of this Resolution to Representative Phillip Pratt for delivery.