

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of James Edward "Eddie" O'Daniel.

3 WHEREAS, James Edward "Eddie" O'Daniel was a son of this Commonwealth,
4 having been born in Lebanon on November 26, 1948, to Pauline Hamilton O'Daniel and
5 the late James Russell O'Daniel; and

6 WHEREAS, Eddie O'Daniel proudly served his country as a member of the United
7 States Navy. A graduate of St. Joe Prep in Bardstown, he went on to graduate from St.
8 Catharine College and American University in Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, Eddie O'Daniel planted the vines that would lead to Springhill
10 Vineyards in 1990. Learning winemaking from an Italian winemaker, he established
11 Springhill Vineyards as a commercial winery in 1993, and went on to serve as President
12 of the Kentucky Wineries Association from 2007 until 2010, and as President of the
13 Kentucky Vineyard Society from 1994 until 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, an influential figure in the promotion of the wine and grape industry in
15 Kentucky, Eddie O'Daniel won several awards for his winemaking, including two
16 consecutive Best of Show awards at state fair competitions and bronze and silver medals
17 in commercial and international wine competitions in 1995, 1996, and 1997; and

18 WHEREAS, Eddie O'Daniel, esteemed Kentuckian; legend in the wine industry;
19 and beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life on
20 December 27, 2018, leaving his family, friends, and an entire Commonwealth in solemn
21 mourning; and

22 WHEREAS, Eddie O'Daniel was preceded in death by his father; son, Benjamin
23 Farris O'Daniel; and infant brother, James Paul O'Daniel. He is survived by his mother;
24 wife, Carolyn Desilets O'Daniel; sons, Paul (Amy) and Eric (Brittnee) Duncan; daughters,
25 Katie (Sumner) MacDonald and Diana (Cody) Langenstein; brothers, Freddie (Angela)
26 O'Daniel, Steve (Lois) O'Daniel, and Juny (Kathy) O'Daniel; sisters, Ginny (Fred)
27 Osborne, Betty Maresca, Donna O'Daniel Smith, and Debbie O'Daniel; and a host of

1 other family, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
6 most profound sympathy upon the passing of James Edward "Eddie" O'Daniel, and
7 posthumously thank him for his many contributions to winemaking in this
8 Commonwealth.

9 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
10 honor and loving memory of James Edward "Eddie" O'Daniel.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
12 copy of this Resolution to Representative Chad McCoy for delivery to the family.