

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving  
2 memory of retired Lyndon Fire Chief James S. Baker Sr.

3           WHEREAS, Chief Baker joined the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department in 1963  
4 while a student at Westport High School. He served as Chief from 1982 until his  
5 retirement in 2008, and during his tenure he transitioned the department from an all-  
6 volunteer force to a combination career and volunteer fire department; and

7           WHEREAS, Chief Baker was widely respected not only by the brave firefighters  
8 who served under him but throughout this Commonwealth. In 1990 he received the  
9 department's Medal of Honor for his heroic actions at an apartment building fire in an  
10 elderly resident complex; he was also instrumental in the founding of the Kentucky  
11 Association of Fire Chiefs and had served in a leadership role for the state association.  
12 The recipient of the department's Expeditionary Service Medal, he was a leader in the  
13 Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association for several years and helped establish the  
14 Louisville and Jefferson County Fallen Firefighters Memorial in downtown Louisville.  
15 He played a key role in pushing for closest station response and automatic aid, espousing  
16 a "No Boundaries" policy that bettered communities and helped streamline fire district  
17 response; and

18           WHEREAS, Chief Baker served on the Lyndon City Council for 10 years. He was  
19 also an active member of Southeast Christian Church, Lyndon Masonic Lodge #960,  
20 Kosair Shrine Temple, and Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052; and

21           WHEREAS, James S. Baker Sr., courageous public servant and beloved husband,  
22 father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on September 21, 2018, leaving his  
23 family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

24           WHEREAS, Chief Baker is survived by his wife, Betty Baker; children, Jim Baker  
25 Jr. and his wife, Hollie, Kevin Baker and his wife, Pamela, and Laura Montgomery and  
26 her husband, Kevin; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of other  
27 family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4           ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their  
5       most profound sympathy upon the passing of James S. Baker Sr., and posthumously  
6       commend him for his years of service to the people of Lyndon.

7           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
8       honor and loving memory of James S. Baker Sr.

9           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
10      copy of this Resolution to Representative Jason Nemes for delivery to the family.