

1 A RESOLUTION honoring James Lewis upon his retirement as Leslie County
2 Clerk.

3 WHEREAS, James Lewis was sworn into office as the Leslie County Clerk in
4 January 1986; and

5 WHEREAS, one of the longest-serving county clerks in the Commonwealth, James
6 Lewis has dedicated 33 years of public service to the people of Leslie County, including
7 his oversight of more than 60 elections; and

8 WHEREAS, James Lewis has earned the utmost respect of his peers and other civic
9 leaders across Kentucky for his astute knowledge, experience, and steadfast integrity; and

10 WHEREAS, James Lewis has instructed election training for county clerks in
11 Kentucky for more than two decades. He served as President of the Kentucky County
12 Clerk's Association from 1999 to 2000, and as Chair of the Kentucky County Clerk's
13 Association Election Committee from 1994 until his retirement this year; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Leslie County Clerk, James Lewis sought out
15 opportunities to offer compassion and additional support to those most in need. He co-
16 founded the Help a Veteran Everyday (HAVE) Program to provide funding for veterans'
17 programs across the Commonwealth. The HAVE Program repurposes license plates for
18 bird houses that can be purchased at participating county clerks' offices, offering 100
19 percent of proceeds to the Hope for Veterans charity; and

20 WHEREAS, James Lewis is a tireless supporter of the Republican Party of Leslie
21 County, and was proudly inducted into the Kentucky Fifth District Lincoln Club Hall of
22 Fame in 2010; and

23 WHEREAS, this august body acknowledges the hard work and sacrifice of those
24 local officials in Kentucky who have served as stewards of their communities; and

25 WHEREAS, James Lewis is one such individual, and on this day the members
26 rightfully thank him for his years of service as Leslie County Clerk, and duly grant him
27 best wishes upon his much-deserved retirement;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor James Lewis upon his
5 retirement as Leslie County Clerk.

6 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of James
7 Lewis.

8 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Brandon Smith for delivery.