

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Suzy Post.

2 WHEREAS, Suzy Post, an iconic figure in the struggle for social justice and a
3 trailblazer in the field of civil rights, departed this earthly life on January 2, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, while a student at Indiana University, Suzy Post joined a student
5 branch of the NAACP, and it was there that her moral compass and her passionate
6 dedication to equality was forged. She went on to earn a degree in English Literature from
7 Cal Berkeley in 1955, and returned to her native Louisville after graduation; and

8 WHEREAS, it was in this Commonwealth that Suzy Post would make her most
9 memorable civil rights achievements. In 1969 she became president of the Kentucky Civil
10 Liberties Union, helping to organize the first statewide women's conference and serving
11 as chair of the Kentucky Pro-Equal Rights Amendment Alliance. She helped an
12 Owensboro woman win the right to have an abortion in a public hospital, and was
13 instrumental in procuring an injunction barring visiting Bible teachers from leading
14 public school classes in Pikeville. She was a passionate opponent of capital punishment,
15 and remained throughout her life a tireless supporter of desegregation in public schools
16 and of equal pay for women; and

17 WHEREAS, after an eight-year stint with the Louisville-Jefferson County Human
18 Relations Commission, Suzy Post was named director of the Kentucky Civil Liberties
19 Union. In 1990 she became founding director of the Metropolitan Housing Commission,
20 which helped to increase the supply of affordable housing in Louisville. For her decades
21 of groundbreaking activism, she was named to the Kentucky Human Rights Commission
22 Hall of Fame in 2007; and

23 WHEREAS, upon Suzy Post's passing, the members rightfully commend her for a
24 lifetime spent upholding the timeless values of equality, liberty, and justice for all. For
25 her passionate advocacy of the most vulnerable citizens of this Commonwealth, and for
26 her decades of standing up to the powerful on behalf of the powerless, it is rightful that
27 Suzy Post—cherished mother and titan of civil rights—be duly celebrated by all in this

1 Commonwealth;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
6 condolences upon the passing of Suzy Post, and extend heartfelt condolences to her
7 family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

8 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate acknowledge Suzy Post's activism and
9 the indelible legacy in the field of civil rights she leaves behind.

10 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
11 memory of Suzy Post.

12 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal, for delivery.