

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

2 WHEREAS, Suzanne Wolfe Kling "Suzy" Post was born in Louisville on March
3 19, 1933, to Morris and Elizabeth "Betty" Wolfe King; and

4 WHEREAS, Suzy Post was educated at Atherton High School before going on to
5 Indiana University, where she joined a student branch of the NAACP. She would
6 graduate in 1955 from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in English
7 literature; and

8 WHEREAS, beginning in the 1950s, Suzy Post was a social justice advocate when
9 the civil rights movement was in its infancy. First she organized sit-ins at segregated
10 businesses before becoming an advocate for the open housing movement; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1969, Suzy Post was named president of the Kentucky Civil
12 Liberties Union (KCLU), helping to organize the first statewide women's conference and
13 serving as chair of the Kentucky Pro-Equal Rights Amendment Alliance; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1972, the KCLU and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights
15 both filed a school desegregation lawsuit against the Louisville-Jefferson County Board
16 of Education, which finally led to the development of a busing plan in 1975. By that year
17 the court-ordered desegregation policy for Jefferson County Public Schools was one of
18 the first in the country; and

19 WHEREAS, Suzy Post served on the national board of the American Civil Liberties
20 Union from 1972 until 1982, and on its executive committee from 1975 until 1978; and

21 WHEREAS, Suzy Post helped Ruth Bader Ginsburg argue six women's rights cases
22 before the United States Supreme Court. She would go on to accept a job as Founding
23 Director of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) in 1990, where she organized a
24 Fair Housing Commission to monitor local compliance with fair housing law. She
25 resigned from MHC in 2002 and remained as its Director Emeritus; and

26 WHEREAS, Suzy Post received many awards from state and local organizations,
27 including a nomination to the Kentucky Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2007, the Mayor's

1 Freedom Award in 2014, and the Daughters of Greatness from the Muhammad Ali Center
2 in 2016. She remained a member of the NAACP, the ACLU of Kentucky, and the
3 Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and was one of the original
4 members of the Reproductive Rights for Kentucky PAC; and

5 WHEREAS, Suzy Post was the cherished sister of Robert Kling and Carol Gibson,
6 and the beloved mother of David, Steven, Ben, Dan, and Rachel; and

7 WHEREAS, Suzanne Wolfe Kling "Suzy" Post, a trailblazer in the field of civil
8 rights and a champion in the fight for equality, departed this earthly life on January 2,
9 2019, leaving an entire Commonwealth in solemn mourning; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
17 *Kentucky:*

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

21 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate acknowledge Suzy Post's activism, her
22 courage, and her indelible legacy in the field of civil rights she leaves behind.

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

25 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.