

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Ronnie  
2 Ellis.

3 WHEREAS, on this day this honorable body stands in solemn and resolute  
4 mourning upon the loss of a legend in the field of journalism; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronnie Ellis, veteran political reporter, member of the Kentucky  
6 Journalism Hall of Fame, and one of the most respected journalists in this  
7 Commonwealth, departed this earthly life on March 16, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronnie Ellis's extraordinary career began with the Edmonson *News* in  
9 1974. Still a student at Western Kentucky University, Ellis also worked as a staffer for  
10 WKU's student newspaper; and

11 WHEREAS, after stints at the Henderson *Gleaner* and the Glasgow *Daily Times*,  
12 Ronnie Ellis began his political reporting in the State Capitol in 2005. A regular guest on  
13 KET's *Comment on Kentucky*, Ellis's expertise and his trademark wit made him a perfect  
14 fit for his position. An advocate for the everyman, particularly those Kentuckians living  
15 in under-privileged and often forgotten locales across the Commonwealth, he brought to  
16 his reporting a style that was as unmistakable as it was informative, and became a true  
17 friend to lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle; and

18 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those Kentuckians who go above  
19 and beyond their calling, and who perform their vocations at such a level they become  
20 inspirations to other men and women in their field; and

21 WHEREAS, Ronnie Ellis was one such journalist, and this entire body grieves for  
22 his loss today while posthumously honoring him for his years of service to the field of  
23 journalism and to this venerable Statehouse; and

24 WHEREAS, Ronnie Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Nettie  
25 "Ollie" Ellis. He is survived by his son, John "Jack" Ellis; daughter, Scottie Ellis;  
26 grandson, Ollie Ellis Garcia; and a host of other family members, friends, and fellow  
27 journalists who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Ronnie Ellis and duly thanks him for his  
5    years of profound service to the field of journalism in Kentucky, and for being a  
6    respectful, knowledgeable, and fair voice to the many lawmakers in the General  
7    Assembly he covered during his esteemed career.

8           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
9    memory of Ronnie Ellis.

10          ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
11    Resolution to Senator David P. Givens for delivery.