A RESOLUTION honoring John Prine.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has long celebrated a deep and enduring connection with country, folk, bluegrass, and Americana music; and

WHEREAS, Kentuckians have duly appreciated both the musical expression of true folk and country musicianship as well as the artists who have built their styles around the old-time music that has come to define the Bluegrass State; and

WHEREAS, from Bill Monroe to Loretta Lynn, and beyond, Kentucky has long been a place synonymous with true folk and country music; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, John Prine passed away at the age of 73 due to complications from Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, on this day this body honors the life and accomplishments of one of the most influential songwriters of his generation, John Prine; and

WHEREAS, although John Prine was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, he was born the son of William and Verna Prine, both from Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, raised in folk music traditions, and described his roots as "pure Kentucky." After his time serving in the United States Army, John Prine would return to Chicago where he became a central figure in the city’s folk music revival of the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, during a lengthy and prodigious musical career, John Prine, became known for his ragged voice and insightful, humorous, and wry storytelling. John Prine rose to the top of his industry, being nominated for 11 Grammy Awards, winning two, and receiving the Grammy Lifetime Achievement award, all the while garnering the highest acclaim from his peers and fellow country and folk music legends such as Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, and Kris Kristofferson; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those artists who performed and represented their craft at such a thoughtful and masterful level that they become elder statesmen and examples for future generations of musicians, such as Kentucky’s own Sturgill Simpson and Tyler Childers, and who create such timeless art as to attract
generations of younger fans to country music while keeping the admiration of those who
have been fans for decades; and

WHEREAS, in so doing, this body rightfully honors John Prine, thanks him for his
profound contributions to folk and country music, and honors an extraordinary career
which spanned five decades;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The members of the Senate body hereby honor John Prine, and
acknowledge him as a pure Kentuckian and artist of the highest order.

Section 2. When the Senate body adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and
gratitude to John Prine.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey.