

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of the  
2 Reverend Al Shands III.

3           WHEREAS, Rev. Al Shands III, renowned Louisville patron of the arts, departed  
4 this earthly life on September 7, 2021, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn  
5 mourning; and

6           WHEREAS, the work of Rev. Al Shands III in the arts began when his wife, Mary,  
7 took over as director of the Kentucky Art and Craft Foundation, now the Kentucky  
8 Museum of Arts and Crafts; and

9           WHEREAS, through Mary's dedication and love of art, Rev. Shands began to amass  
10 his own collection and to begin a lifetime of advocacy and support for Kentucky's artists  
11 and their work; and

12           WHEREAS, in 2016, Rev. Shands founded the Great Meadows Foundation, a  
13 grant-giving initiative that strengthens and supports visual art in Kentucky by  
14 empowering the Commonwealth's ever-growing community of artists, allowing them to  
15 connect and participate more actively in the contemporary art world; and

16           WHEREAS, Rev. Shands is the author of two books and has more than 35  
17 documentary film credits to his name. He was a trustee of Louisville's Speed Art Museum  
18 and a member of the advisory board of the Peggy Guggenheim Museum in Venice. He  
19 served as a member of New York's Whitney National Committee and on the Museum of  
20 Modern Art's International Council; and

21           WHEREAS, this august body rightfully honors Rev. Shands on this day;  
22 acknowledges the many contributions made by his adoring family, particularly his late  
23 wife Mary; and acknowledges the extraordinary influence he had on the visual arts in  
24 Kentucky;

25           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the loss  
2 of Rev. Al Shands III, and posthumously thanks him for all he accomplished on behalf of  
3 Kentucky's artists and their work.

4           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
5 memory of Rev. Al Shands III.

6           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
7 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery to the family.