

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Olive Hill, Kentucky, the official hometown
2 of Thomas "Tom T." Hall.

3 WHEREAS, on May 25, 1936, Tom T. Hall was born one of eight children to Virgil
4 and Della Henderson Hall in Olive Hill, Kentucky. He was the fourth generation of an
5 ordained minister and was born in a log cabin built by his grandfather; and

6 WHEREAS, in his native home, Tom T. Hall began playing guitar and wrote his
7 first song at the age of nine. As a teenager, Tom T. Hall joined a bluegrass band called the
8 Kentucky Travelers, and the group performed on local radio and stages. Tom T. Hall
9 worked as disc jockey in Morehead, Kentucky, before joining the United States Army in
10 1957; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1964, Tom T. Hall moved to Nashville, where he landed a
12 publishing contract with Jimmy C. Newman and Jimmy Key writing songs for \$50 a
13 week; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom T. Hall, a country music singer-songwriter, became known as
15 "The Storyteller" because of his narrative approach to music and creation of some of
16 country music's most poignant and vivid musical images. Tom T. Hall wrote 12 Number
17 1 hit songs, with 26 more songs that reached the Top 10, including the Number 1
18 international pop crossover hit "Harper Valley PTA"; and

19 WHEREAS, *Rolling Stone* magazine named Tom T. Hall to its list of the top 100
20 greatest songwriters. Tom T. Hall wrote songs for Johnny Cash, George Jones, Loretta
21 Lynn, Waylon Jennings, Alan Jackson, and Bobby Bare. Jeannie C. Riley recorded
22 "Harper Valley PTA" in 1968, sold over six million copies, and won a Grammy Award
23 and CMA Award. Some of his other biggest hits were "A Week in a Country Jail"; "Old
24 Dogs, Children, and Watermelon Wine"; "I Love"; "Country Is"; "The Year Clayton
25 Delaney Died"; "I Like Beer"; "Faster Horses (the Cowboy and the Poet)"; "That Song is
26 Driving Me Crazy"; and "That's How I Got to Memphis," to name a few; and

27 WHEREAS, Tom T. Hall was elected into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame

1 in 1978 and, in 1979, he published his memoir, *The Storyteller's Nashville*; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom T. Hall and his wife, Dixie, were renowned bluegrass and
3 country music songwriters and, in 2018, both were inducted into the Bluegrass Hall of
4 Fame, located in Owensboro, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom T. Hall died at the age of 85 on August 20, 2021, in Franklin,
6 Tennessee, but will remain a native son of Olive Hill, Kentucky. Tom T. Hall is featured
7 at Olive Hill's welcome center at 140 Railroad Street, with an exhibit of items that he
8 donated to the Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce. Tom T. Hall is also featured in his
9 hometown's long and fetching historical mural located on Tom T. Hall Boulevard in
10 Olive Hill. The Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce is planning a memorial concert
11 and "The Storyteller" festival in 2022;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

14 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly hereby designates the City of Olive Hill,
15 Kentucky, the official hometown of Tom T. Hall and expresses its most profound
16 sympathy to the City of Olive Hill upon the passing of its most famous native son,
17 Thomas "Tom T." Hall.

18 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
19 Resolution to Senator Robin Webb for delivery to the City of Olive Hill, Kentucky.