

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of David
2 Hawpe.

3 WHEREAS, David Hawpe was a proud native of Pikeville, Kentucky, who moved
4 to Louisville's South End at the age of three; and

5 WHEREAS, David Hawpe would become a tireless reporter for the Louisville
6 *Courier-Journal*, working for the paper as a columnist and editor for more than four
7 decades before his retirement in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, a tireless advocate of the working class and those who were rarely
9 given a voice in the national conversation, David Hawpe was a journalist who was feared
10 and respected in equal measure. With his unparalleled wit and unwavering journalistic
11 courage, he made his name as a journalist of the highest distinction who kept his family in
12 eastern Kentucky, and his neighbors in South Louisville, close to his heart while he
13 reported on the issues that shaped his beloved Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, David Hawpe was on the front edge of several social issues that
15 continue to be debated today. He was a champion of diversity in the newsroom, and as a
16 young reporter he cut his teeth on Kentucky stories—such as the infamous mine disaster
17 in Hyden that killed 38, and the infamous school bus crash in Carroll County in 1988—
18 with his trademark integrity and rigor; and

19 WHEREAS, David Hawpe, legendary Kentucky journalist; self-proclaimed
20 "redneck South End boy"; and beloved husband, father, and brother, departed this earthly
21 life on July 18, 2021, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

22 WHEREAS, David Hawpe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda Shadoin
23 Hawpe; sons, Christopher and Jonathan; siblings, Daniel Hawpe and Sheila Snider; and a
24 host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence
25 in their lives;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
3 express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of David Hawpe, and
4 posthumously thank him for his many contributions to journalism in the Commonwealth
5 of Kentucky.

6 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
7 memory of David Hawpe.

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