

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of James
2 "Jimmy" Robert Wickham III.

3 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wickham was a native son of this Commonwealth, having
4 been born in Nelson County on October 16, 1961; and

5 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wickham was an esteemed and revered member of Kentucky's
6 bourbon industry. For 31 years, he was employed by the Independent Stave Company in
7 Lebanon, Kentucky. As the Director for Customer Relations and Quality Assurance with
8 the Independent Stave Company and a member of the Kentucky Bourbon Festival Board
9 of Directors, Jimmy Wickham held a front row seat to the ever-expanding world of
10 bourbon; and

11 WHEREAS, as a board member for 20 years, Jimmy Wickham helped carry out the
12 mission of the Kentucky Bourbon Festival, which promotes Kentucky Bourbon and the
13 Bourbon Capital of the World by hosting a celebration that contributes to the economic
14 and cultural vitality of our communities in Bardstown, Kentucky. Jimmy Wickham was
15 inducted into the Kentucky Distiller's Association Bourbon Hall of Fame in 2008. The
16 Bourbon Hall of Fame was established to recognize the sacrifice, passion, and
17 determination of those who have made Kentucky bourbon what it is today; and

18 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wickham was further honored in 2019 by the Kentucky
19 Distiller's Association by becoming an inaugural member of the Order of the Writ. The
20 Order of the Writ was created by whiskey industry insiders as a society that would protect
21 the future of bourbon, America's native spirit. The Order of the Writ is a fraternal and
22 charitable organization that embraces the spirit of Kentucky Bourbon education,
23 responsibility, environmental stewardship, history, scholarship, and an unwavering
24 commitment to the furtherance of America's only native spirit; and

25 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wickham also received the commission of Kentucky Colonel.
26 As the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky, the commission of
27 Kentucky Colonel recognizes an individual's noteworthy accomplishments and

1 outstanding service to our community, state, and nation; and

2 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wickham was more than worthy of receiving all of the
3 accolades awarded to him and more. Mr. Wickham loved all sports, and his golfing team
4 community affectionately called him "coach." He was also an avid Notre Dame Fighting
5 Irish fan; and

6 WHEREAS, Jimmy Wickham died on February 22, 2022, and was preceded in
7 death by his parents, Jim and Shirley Carrico Wickham; brother, John Pratt "Jay"
8 Wickham; maternal grandparents, Victor and Lorena Carrico; and paternal grandparents,
9 Bob and Ellen Wickham. He is survived by his loving companion, Mary Nally; sister,
10 Mary Ellen (Pat) Werner; nephews, Tommy Wickham, Drew Werner, and Ben Werner;
11 and several aunts, uncles, and cousins;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
16 hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of James "Jimmy" Robert
17 Wickham III, and posthumously thanks him for his dedicated service to the Kentucky
18 bourbon industry.

19 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
20 memory of James "Jimmy" Robert Wickham III.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon.