

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of William  
2 "Bill" Amey Jr.

3           WHEREAS, William "Bill" Amey Jr. was born in Madera, California, on July 6,  
4 1959. While not a native Kentuckian, he chose Frankfort, Kentucky, to raise his family  
5 and call his forever home; and

6           WHEREAS, Bill Amey was a man who lived life to the fullest, from seeking  
7 adventures while being outdoors to entertaining a crowd through food. Bill Amey took  
8 great care and pride in every situation. He was a gamer, builder of model cars, amateur  
9 mechanic, fifth-degree black belt in Togakure-ryu Ninjutsu, and above all, a family man  
10 with a loving and outgoing personality; and

11           WHEREAS, Bill Amey always took the opportunity to brag on his children,  
12 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild. Recently, the memory of  
13 his daughter, Kristara Bell Amey, was recognized after her struggles with addiction  
14 inspired her best friend to create Strengthening Transformations, Inc. to assist women and  
15 families who face challenges surrounding domestic violence, substance abuse, and teen  
16 pregnancy. Frankfort Mayor Layne Wilkerson declared November 16, 2021, as Kristara's  
17 Day, and the organization received additional commendations of support from Frankfort  
18 city commissioners, state Representative Derrick Graham, and Governor Andy Beshear;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 11, 2021, Bill  
21 Amey was traveling to work at the State Capitol Annex building for his position with  
22 International Sanitation Services when tragedy struck the Amey family and the patriarch's  
23 vehicle was swept away by flash flooding from Benson Creek within Franklin County.  
24 The family's misfortune was confirmed on the morning of December 12, 2021, when Bill  
25 Amey's body was discovered in Benson Creek; and

26           WHEREAS, co-workers and friends of Bill Amey will remember him fondly for his  
27 infectious smile and laugh, willingness to help out, and positive demeanor; and

1           WHEREAS, William "Bill" Amey Jr. was preceded in death by his parents, William  
2 Amey Sr. and Claretha Knott; a daughter, Kristara Bell Amey; and a brother, LeDale  
3 Shari St. Mary. His devoted wife of 27 years, Christena King Amey, will oversee his  
4 family legacy consisting of his surviving children, Carina (Lance) Walker, Katrina  
5 (Shawn) Bailey, William Amey III, Ronn (Toni) Amey, Matthew Amey, Ciara Amey,  
6 Michelle (John) Burch, Brian Barber, and Matthew Barber; a brother, Louis Eddie St.  
7 Mary II; a sister, Sarah King; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-  
8 grandchild; and many nieces and nephews;

9           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, express  
13 their most profound sympathy upon the passing of William "Bill" Amey Jr. and extend  
14 heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

15           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
16 memory of William "Bill" Amey Jr.

17           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
18 Resolution to Christena Amey at 561 Mt. Zion Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.