

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Jim Tuman and his work and service to youth.

2 WHEREAS, Jim Tuman is an internationally known and regarded youth advocate
3 and motivational speaker; and

4 WHEREAS, more than 40 years ago, Jim Tuman was one of the very first youth
5 speakers and a trailblazer in talking with youth about suicide and depression; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim's Tuman's childhood experiences and struggles, including his own
7 multiple suicide attempts, led to his life's mission of making a positive difference in
8 children's lives; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Tuman has spoken to more than two million students in more than
10 2,000 schools nationwide to help them cope with the issues of bullying, teen suicide, and
11 alienation; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Tuman has appeared on broadcast television, been featured in
13 several leading publications, and has received over 30 state and national awards for
14 service performance; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Tuman's speaking career led to the creation of many programs
16 designed to give young people an opportunity to discuss the challenges in their lives; and

17 WHEREAS, one of the programs created was Jimmy's Kids, an organization that
18 helps high-need children receive toys, food, and holiday wishes; and

19 WHEREAS, Jimmy's Kids has grown from helping 22 children at its first Christmas
20 party in 1989 to a program that serves thousands of children at school, church, and
21 neighborhood association sites with the help of hundreds of volunteers; and

22 WHEREAS, Jim Tuman continues his mission of showing and encouraging
23 kindness every day and delivering his timeless message of hope, love, and healing to
24 youth across the nation;

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 commends Jim Tuman for his many years of devotion
2 and sacrifice to make a positive difference in the untold lives of young people and their
3 families.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Jim Tuman.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
6 Resolution to Jim Tuman, P. O. Box 150, Clawson, Michigan 48017.