

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating and honoring the life of James O. Butts.

2 WHEREAS, James O. Butts was born on New Year's Day, 1934, in St. Louis,
3 Missouri, to Talmadge Butts and Emma Browne Butts; and

4 WHEREAS, James O. Butts moved with his family to Fulton, Kentucky, where he
5 graduated from of Fulton City High School before enlisting in the United States Air
6 Force, where he faithfully served his country during the Korean War; and

7 WHEREAS, after his time in the service, James O. Butts married Patsy Killibrew in
8 1956. He and his lifelong travel partner had two children, Kathy and Jamie; and

9 WHEREAS, James O. Butts began work as a salesman at Office Outfitters in 1956
10 and, in 1965, he bought the company and ran it for 25 years; and

11 WHEREAS, James O. Butts served the Commonwealth of Kentucky as Assistant
12 Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of State, serving in both positions under Frances Jones
13 Mills; and

14 WHEREAS, following his service in state government, James O. Butts returned to
15 Fulton and began a career with the former Fulton Bank, where he served on the board of
16 directors and as president, retiring in 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, James O. Butts valued humanitarian work, serving as a lifelong
18 member of Smith Street Church of Christ, dedicating time as a deacon, elder, and bible
19 study leader, and working to improve higher education as a member of the Freed
20 Hardeman University Board of Trustees for 50 years; and

21 WHEREAS, James O. Butts departed this earthly life on September 13, 2022; and

22 WHEREAS, James O. Butts was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters,
23 Virginia Austin and Vivian Wolberton; his nephew, David Austin; and his niece, Susan
24 Wheeler; and

25 WHEREAS, James O. Butts is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patsy; two
26 daughters, Kathy Waycayster and Jamie Hicks; four grandsons, Michael, Blake, Adam,
27 and Connor; six great-grandchildren, Ezekiel, Olivia, Berkeley, Dawson, Sloane, and

1 Raden; all whom he cherished; and

2 WHEREAS, James O. Butts contributions to his community and to the
3 Commonwealth leave both a legacy and a void;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
8 sympathy upon the passing of James O. Butts.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell for delivery to the family.