

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of the life
2 and legacy of Mary Armstrong Hammond.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond was born on December 23, 1955, to Chief
4 Master Sgt. Charles D. Armstrong and Ruby Squires Armstrong, in St. John's,
5 Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada; and

6 WHEREAS, as part of a military family, Mary Armstrong Hammond moved to
7 Okinawa, Japan, where Mary spent most of her childhood and early education; and

8 WHEREAS, at the age of six, Mary Armstrong Hammond and her family moved to
9 the United States, living briefly in Maryland and Texas, before finding her true home in
10 Paducah, Kentucky, in the winter of 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond graduated from Paducah Tilghman High
12 School and the University of Kentucky, at which Mary was an active member of the Chi
13 Omega Sorority, continuing a lifelong pursuit of personal development, community
14 involvement, and supporting women's empowerment; and

15 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond joined the Paducah Tourist & Convention
16 Commission in 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, over the years, Mary Armstrong Hammond rose through the ranks,
18 serving as the Executive Director of the Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau for the
19 last 23 years; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond's hard work and dedication paid off when
21 Paducah was designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art in 2013, a
22 project led by her and the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

23 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond also served on the board of the National
24 Quilt Museum in Paducah and served two terms on the U.S. Travel Association's board
25 of directors; and

26 WHEREAS, beyond Mary Armstrong Hammond's professional achievements, she
27 will be forever remembered for her warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication to the

1 city of Paducah and the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

2 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond passed peacefully in her home in
3 Paducah, Kentucky, on March 3, 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Armstrong Hammond is survived by her nephews, Charles
5 Darling Armstrong III, James Hamilton (Lauren) Armstrong, and Ian Douglas
6 Armstrong; nieces, Erin Rachel Armstrong and Aislyn Mira Morning; great-nephew,
7 Keaton Oscar Armstrong; and great-niece, Ella Nicole Armstrong; as well as a host of
8 friends and colleagues;

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 hereby express their most profound
13 sympathy upon the passing of Mary Armstrong Hammond and posthumously recognize
14 and applaud her achievements and dedication to the arts and tourism in Paducah,
15 Kentucky, making it her life's work to share the love she had of her home to the rest of
16 the world.

17 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
18 memory of the life and legacy of Mary Armstrong Hammond.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
20 Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for delivery to the family.