

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of
2 Representative Lamin Swann.

3 WHEREAS, Lamin Swann was born on December 2, 1977, in Lexington,
4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Lamin Swann graduated from Tates Creek High School and continued
6 on to the University of Kentucky, where he majored in social work and wrote for the
7 university newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel, as a staff member and editor; and

8 WHEREAS, the importance of politics and social justice was instilled in Lamin at
9 an early age. When Lamin was eight years old, he attended a demonstration with his
10 grandfather at the State Capitol advocating for Martin Luther King Jr. Day to become a
11 recognized holiday in Kentucky; and

12 WHEREAS, while in college, Lamin was active in the university's Violence
13 Intervention and Prevention Center; and

14 WHEREAS, Lamin's commitment to social justice continued beyond college as a
15 social worker in the Fayette County Family Court system, working with clients in the
16 family reunification process within the court system; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his work helping the disabled and disadvantaged, Lamin
18 also possessed an entrepreneurial spirit, creating and running a studio called L.PIERRE, a
19 boutique women's fashion label, concentrating on fashion and product design; and

20 WHEREAS, Lamin Swann was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives
21 in 2022, representing the 93rd District in Lexington. He would serve on the
22 Transportation, Health Services, Economic Development and Workforce Investment, and
23 Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Swann's advocacy for the disabled and disadvantaged
25 continued as a legislator, providing a voice on issues ranging from social justice to
26 expanding disability rights. During the 2023 Regular Session, Representative Swann
27 introduced a bill to prevent discrimination in Section 8 housing; and

1 WHEREAS, on May 14, 2023, days after suffering a medical emergency, Lamin
2 Swann passed away. He was laid to rest on May 19, 2023, at Lexington Cemetery; and

3 WHEREAS, Lamin's life was a testament to overcoming hardship, perseverance,
4 and public service. He would publicly discuss his struggle with cerebral palsy, and made
5 his way through the Capitol in a wheelchair; and

6 WHEREAS, friends and colleagues knew Lamin as a man who lived life to the
7 fullest and constantly giving to others. In the words of his friend Reverend Willis Polk,
8 "His drive to live life at its best in spite of his circumstances...to see him go and see him
9 do... is in my mind marvelous." In the words of House Democratic Caucus Chair
10 Cheryl Lynn Stevenson, "I absolutely am a better human because I knew Lamin...and I think
11 everybody here can say the same thing." Speaker of the House David Osborne recalled
12 him as a "positive force in countless discussions," "an incredibly dedicated public
13 servant," and "a voice for those who live with disabilities"; and

14 WHEREAS, in spite of all of the obstacles Lamin Swann had to overcome
15 throughout his life, he would always approach those obstacles with a pleasant demeanor
16 and a smile;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its most profound sympathy upon
21 the passing of Representative Lamin Swann, and posthumously thanks him for his service
22 to the Commonwealth.

23 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
24 memory of Representative Lamin Swann.

25 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal for delivery.