

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of former Kentucky State
2 Representative Royce William Adams.

3 WHEREAS, Royce William Adams was born on September 29, 1938, in Mason,
4 Kentucky to the late Willie and Irene Adams; and

5 WHEREAS, Royce Adams graduated from Grant County High School in 1956 and
6 married his beloved wife, Rita, on June 12, 1959; and

7 WHEREAS, Royce Adams was a dedicated church member who served in many
8 positions, including deacon, elder, Sunday school teacher, and Sunday school
9 superintendent; and

10 WHEREAS, Royce Adams began his career in agriculture and small business and
11 later joined the United States Army where he served for five years and achieved the rank
12 of Staff Sergeant; and

13 WHEREAS, the passion for community service Royce Adams had led him to take
14 on leadership positions with Gideons International, the American Morgan Horse
15 Association, the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, the Grant County Farm Bureau,
16 the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows, the Grant Lodge #85 F&AM, and
17 the Grant County Fair Board, where he served as President for 20 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Royce Adams' commitment to community service led him to
19 successfully run for a seat in the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1992. He served
20 in the House with honor and distinction for two decades, working diligently to serve the
21 citizens of the 61st District; and

22 WHEREAS, during Royce Adams' tenure as the Representative of the 61st district
23 he earned the reputation as one of the most widely respected members of the General
24 Assembly. His proudest legislative moment was the 1998 passage of House Bill 1 which
25 made it illegal to drive a boat under the influence of alcohol; and

26 WHEREAS, despite all his many accomplishments and achievements, Royce
27 Adams loved his family and being a father, grandfather, and great grandfather above all

1 else; and

2 WHEREAS, Royce Adams and his family were accomplished horsemen. Along
3 with his wife and daughters, he raised and showed Morgan horses, winning many state
4 and national awards; and

5 WHEREAS, Royce Adams is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rita Adams; his
6 daughters, Carmen Hickerson and Melinda (Greg) Lloyd; his grandchildren, Noah
7 Hickerson, Taylor (Clay) Sullivan, and Ben Lloyd; and his great-grandchildren, Sloane
8 and Darcy Sullivan;

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 do hereby honor the life of former State
13 Representative Royce William Adams and posthumously recognize him for his many
14 accomplishments and dedication to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

15 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
16 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal.