

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating and honoring the life of F. Preston Farmer.

2 WHEREAS, F. Preston Farmer was born in Hyden, Kentucky, on May 20, 1933, to
3 Rex and Virgie Farmer, where he grew up with his two younger sisters, Martha Lou and
4 Pat; and

5 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer's life was marked by a series of remarkable
6 achievements and contributions. Beginning his lifelong journey of learning, he attended
7 Columbia Military Academy where he honed skills such as discipline, leadership, and a
8 strong sense of duty; and

9 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer continued his education by attending Centre College
10 where he graduated with distinction. He then attended the University of Kentucky
11 College of Law, where he cultivated his passion for the legal profession; and

12 WHEREAS, amid his academic career, Preston Farmer embarked on a new
13 adventure by serving his country in the Army. He was stationed in Carmel, California,
14 and later in Bordeaux, France. During his military service, he exhibited unwavering
15 dedication; and

16 WHEREAS, in his legal career, Preston Farmer made significant contributions to
17 the legal community by specializing in insurance defense and representing numerous
18 prominent insurance companies. He also served as an Assistant Attorney General before
19 being appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney; and

20 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer's legal prowess earned him recognition as one of
21 Kentucky's top-rated lawyers, and his commitment to the legal field was further
22 demonstrated through his active involvement with the Kentucky Bar Association Board
23 of Governors; and

24 WHEREAS, an awarding aspect of Preston Farmer's legal career was the privilege
25 of practicing law alongside his children, Michael Farmer and Suzanne Farmer, and
26 together they upheld a tradition of legal excellence; and

27 WHEREAS, beyond his legal career, Preston Farmer served as the chairman of the

1 board for Bank of Columbia, where his wisdom and expertise helped guide the bank to
2 success; and

3 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer's commitment to his community extended beyond his
4 legal and business endeavors, which is shown through the creation of the Network of
5 Volunteer Professionals in London, Kentucky; and

6 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer's strong work ethic was a defining trait through his
7 life, as he approached every task with dedication and diligence, setting an example for all
8 who knew him; and

9 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer was also known and loved by his family. He had a
10 special bond with his son, daughter, and grandchildren, creating cherished traditions with
11 each of them. Together, they enjoyed annual vacations to Hilton Head Island and Fort
12 Myers Beach that resulted in cherished memories. These included trips for doughnuts,
13 fireworks, and bonfires to celebrate New Year's Day. Each vacation morning, you could
14 find Preston and his grandchildren in front of the television, watching their favorite
15 cartoons, sharing laughter, and savoring those precious moments together; and

16 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer shared his love of sports with his grandchildren, taking
17 them to University of Kentucky basketball and football games. He instilled in them a
18 passion for the Wildcats and created lasting bonds through their shared excitement of
19 cheering on the team; and

20 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer also enjoyed spending time at home with his wife,
21 Elizabeth, and dogs, Teddy and Farrah; and

22 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer was known for his selflessness and boundless
23 generosity, touching the lives of many throughout his life. He was always willing to
24 extend a helping hand or lend a listening ear to those in need. Friends and family alike
25 knew they could rely on his support and wise counsel; and

26 WHEREAS, Preston was a devoted family man, and his loyalty to his loved ones
27 was unwavering and evident in every facet of his life; and

1 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer passed away peacefully on December 31, 2023,
2 surrounded by his loved ones; and

3 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer was preceded in death by his parents, Rex and Virgie
4 Farmer; his son, Michael Preston Farmer; and his son-in-law, John Clarke; and

5 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Reese Farmer, and
6 her son, Jackson Reese Faust. He is also survived by his daughter, Suzanne Farmer; his
7 grandchildren, Preslee Farmer Hart, Rex Butler Farmer, Hannah Jane Clarke, and Jack
8 Clarke; and his sisters, Patricia Farmer Huff and Martha Farmer Copeland; and

9 WHEREAS, Preston Farmer's contributions to his community and this
10 Commonwealth leave both a legacy and a void with his passing;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
13 ***Kentucky:***

14 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
15 sympathy upon the passing of F. Preston Farmer and honor him for his many
16 accomplishments.

17 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
18 Resolution to Senator Brandon J. Storm for delivery to the family.