

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Brother
2 Joe Adams.

3 WHEREAS, Brother Joe Adams was born February 10, 1946, in Louisville,
4 Kentucky, to James and Charlene Linker and he was born again in June 1956, in Bowling
5 Green, Kentucky; and

6 WHEREAS, Brother Joe began preaching at the age of 14 in the early 1960s in
7 Youth for Christ meetings and youth revivals. After proudly serving his country for four
8 years as a member of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, he returned to
9 Kentucky and graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in accounting.
10 During his studies, he continued his ministry, serving as youth director in his local church
11 and preaching at youth revivals; and

12 WHEREAS, Brother Joe married his beloved wife, Sandra, in 1965. Together they
13 traveled throughout Kentucky holding "God and Country" weekend revivals and "Family
14 and Home" seminars; and

15 WHEREAS, Brother Joe was a familiar face in the halls of Frankfort. He served as
16 a chaplain to the General Assembly for 28 years and has ministered to members of the
17 Senate and House of Representatives, staff and interns of the Legislative Research
18 Commission, and visiting guests, family members, and constituents. A modern-day
19 "Barnabas," Brother Joe was a true "son of encouragement"; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to his ministry to the General Assembly, Brother Joe
21 traveled to Washington, D.C., each month to counsel our United States congressmen. The
22 former pastor of three different successful churches, he served Christ as a consultant and
23 home minister, helping churches understand their government and conducting family
24 seminars. He is was one of the founders of the Christian Home Educators of Kentucky,
25 an organization that has positively impacted the lives of thousands of young Kentuckians;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, everyone who has interacted with Brother Joe knew that he loved

1 them. His Christ-like determination to demonstrate love that is patient, kind, rejoices in
2 the truth, and never fails endeared Brother Joe Adams to countless Kentuckians who
3 work and serve at the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Brother Joe Adams traversed these
5 earthly bounds. His body succumbed to complications due to exposure to Agent Orange
6 as a soldier for his country, but Heaven gained him as a soldier of Christ; and

7 WHEREAS, Brother Joe was preceded in death by his wife Sandra Jean Adams,
8 and his parents; and

9 WHEREAS, Brother Joe is survived by his children, Alesha (John) Seay of
10 Frederick, Maryland, Paul (Amye) Adams of Cox's Creek and Andrea (Mark) Forester
11 of Portland, Tennessee; sister, Jean Barnes of Lawrenceville, Ga.; brother-in-law, David
12 Patterson; nine grandchildren, Sarah Seay (Danny) Ortiz, Cynthia Seay, Karissa Seay,
13 John Mark (Hannah) Seay, Blake Adams, Emily Adams, Zachary Adams, Tyler Forester
14 and Trevor Forester; and great-grandchildren, Kristiana Ortiz, Silas Ortiz, Ryan Ortiz and
15 Jon Lee Seay; and

16 WHEREAS, on behalf of all the members of the General Assembly, past and
17 present, who have been blessed by his ministry, this Honorable Body expresses its
18 heartfelt condolences on the passing of Brother Joe Adams;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the
23 passing of Brother Joe Adams.

24 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
25 memory of Brother Joe Adams.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
27 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for deliver to the family.