

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of former Kentucky State
2 Representative Thomas Martin Jones.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas Martin Jones was born on June 22, 1947, in Salvisa,
4 Kentucky, to the late Ezra and Eunice Jones; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was a beloved and devoted husband to Ann, his wife
6 and best friend of 55 years, a hero to his sons, Tom and Steve, and the grandest of
7 grandfathers to Jake, Drew, Grace, and Annabelle; and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was a graduate of Mercer County High School and
9 earned a bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones proudly defended his country as a member of the
11 United States Army from 1969 to 1971; and

12 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was strong in his faith and love for Jesus Christ, and at
13 the time of his passing was a devoted and valued member and former deacon at
14 Lawrenceburg First Christian Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was a member of the Kentucky General Assembly from
16 1981 to 1990, spending his 30s and early 40s representing the 55th House District, which
17 was made up of Anderson, Mercer, and Spencer Counties; and

18 WHEREAS, as a legislator, Thomas Jones championed funding for public
19 education and teacher salaries, and was a strong proponent of the Kentucky Education
20 Reform Act of 1990. His efforts also contributed to the creation of the Lawrenceburg
21 campus of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College; and

22 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was proud of his role in supporting Kentucky
23 Educational Television and Kentucky State Parks, among dozens of other programs and
24 agencies; and

25 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones served as an attorney in Lawrenceburg for nearly five
26 decades, providing support and counsel to countless clients and their loved ones during
27 difficult, stressful times. He took pride in being a small-town lawyer who helped

1 members of his community, and enjoyed supporting and offering advice to young
2 attorneys as they established their careers; and

3 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones served as attorney for the City of Lawrenceburg in the
4 1980s and was proud to serve for decades as attorney for the North Mercer Water
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was strongly devoted to his family. There was nothing
7 he would not do or give to help a relative, and he loved spending time with
8 grandchildren, attending their games, competitions, and performances; and

9 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones is perhaps best defined by his marriage to Ann. They
10 spent nearly every day together, including as coworkers after Ann retired from teaching
11 and began working in his law office. They shared everything and depended on each other
12 for everything, and their children cannot recall their parents ever having a single fight. In
13 2005, Tom and Ann built their dream house on Graefenburg Road, where they loved
14 hosting and entertaining family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones spent countless hours mowing and bushhogging the 12-
16 acre property, which brought him great satisfaction and relaxation, and loved cheering for
17 the Kentucky Wildcats, reading and watching the news, traveling, and watching old
18 westerns and war movies; and

19 WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, Thomas Jones traversed these earthly bounds;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Thomas Jones is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann Frances Sharp
22 Jones; children, Thomas Bradford Jones (Christy), and Stephen Wesley Jones (Niki);
23 grandchildren, Jake Thomas Jones, Andrew Lee Jones, Grace Mae Jones, and Annabelle
24 Lee Jones; sisters, Mary Edwards, Esther Webb, and Betty Short; brothers-in-law, Sid
25 Webb, Roy Short, and Lincoln Sharp; sisters-in-law, Nancy Goldston and Rebecca Sharp;
26 and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, and was preceded in death by brothers-
27 in-law, Gilbert Edwards and David Goldston;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
3 *Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate do hereby honor the life of former State
5 Representative Thomas Martin Jones and posthumously recognize him for his many
6 accomplishments and dedication to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Aaron Reed for delivery to the family.