

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Ashley Gorley upon his induction into the Songwriters
2 Hall of Fame.

3 WHEREAS, Ashley Gorley is a native son of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
4 born in Danville in 1977, to Glenn and Sandra Gorley; and

5 WHEREAS, Ashley Gorley is the most commercially successful songwriter of all
6 time, and has written an unprecedented 80 number one radio singles; and

7 WHEREAS, Ashley Gorley has written nearly 500 songs for many well-known
8 artists, including: Morgan Wallen, Chris Stapleton, Carrie Underwood, Luke Bryan, Post
9 Malone, Thomas Rhett, Jelly Roll, Kelsea Ballerini, Bon Jovi, and Weezer; and

10 WHEREAS, most recently, Gorley co-wrote ten songs on Post Malone's debut
11 country album, including the global hit "I Had Some Help," featuring Morgan Wallen,
12 which topped the Billboard Global 200 chart; and

13 WHEREAS, Gorley's ninth chart-topper of 2024, and his most recent hit, the
14 poignant "I Am Not Okay," written with and recorded by Jelly Roll, depicts the
15 challenges of mental health in an honest light. The commercial success of the song
16 provides a platform for further mental health advocacy for fans and members of the
17 music community alike; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023 Gorley celebrated multiple weeks as Billboard's number one
19 Hot 100 Songwriter, all-genre. His Grammy-nominated hit with Morgan Wallen, "Last
20 Night," reigned as Billboard's Top Hot 100 Song for a record-setting 16 weeks, proving
21 to be one of the biggest country crossover hits of all time; and

22 WHEREAS, in the same year, Gorley was awarded Academy of Country Music
23 Songwriter of the Year and Song of the Year, with Cole Swindell's "She Had Me At
24 Heads Carolina"; landed the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers
25 (ASCAP) Country Song of the Year with Morgan Wallen's "You Proof"; and was
26 awarded 2023 Songwriter of the Year (all-genre) by Variety in their year-end prestigious
27 Hitmakers issue. Gorley was also honored as the Nashville Songwriters Association

1 International Songwriter of the Decade for 2010-2019, and is a ten-time ASCAP Country
2 Songwriter of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, Gorley attended Belmont University and graduated Magna Cum
4 Laude in 1999, and, since graduating, has continued to give back to the university
5 through leading seminars, mentoring students, and serving as a professor; and

6 WHEREAS, Gorley is a songwriting advocate who has met with the Library of
7 Congress and Senators to support songwriters' rights and the Music Modernization Act;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in 2011, Gorley formed his own publishing and artist development
10 company, Tape Room Music. Writers for Tape Room have celebrated 50 number one
11 songs, including 2018's ASCAP Country Song of the Year, "Body Like A Back Road,"
12 2021's ASCAP, Broadcast Music, Inc., and the Society of European Stage Authors and
13 Composers Country Song of the Year, "One Of Them Girls," and ten week Country
14 Airplay number one hit, "World On Fire"; and

15 WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, Ashley Gorley will be inducted into the Songwriters
16 Hall of Fame at the organization's Induction and Awards Gala in New York City;

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 congratulations to Ashley Gorley
21 upon his induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

22 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in recognition and
23 celebration of Ashley Gorley and his considerable achievements in songwriting.

24 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe for delivery.