

1 A RESOLUTION honoring and congratulating longtime WKYT photojournalist
2 Ray Brown on his forthcoming retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Ray Brown has been a steady and talented presence at WKYT for over
4 44 years and has crafted some of the biggest news stories in the Commonwealth's history;
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6 WHEREAS, Ray Brown began his career in production where he lit and shot
7 promos and commercials by himself until moving into covering breaking news in the
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Ray Brown's drive and attentive nature have become widely
10 recognized in his productions for their strong audio, natural sound, and striking visuals;
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12 WHEREAS, Ray Brown has visited every SEC basketball and football venue,
13 operated cameras at Rupp Arena, encountered presidents, celebrities, and people from all
14 walks of life; and

15 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a photojournalist,
16 Ray Brown has been awarded four Emmy awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award, and an
17 Eclipse Award with legendary University of Kentucky announcer Cawood Ledford; and

18 WHEREAS, Ray Brown's sense of humor, practicality, and improvisational skills
19 have been a fixture around the Commonwealth. Outside of work he's competed in
20 ballroom dancing, speaks some Mandarin, and has stories to tell from an extraordinary
21 career;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and congratulates Ray Brown on his
26 retirement after 44 years of photojournalism and service to the viewers of WKYT and the
27 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe for presentation.