

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of John Edward "Bear" Coyle.

3 WHEREAS, John Edward "Bear" Coyle was a proud and loyal son of his beloved
4 Woodford County, a community he served with the utmost courage and decency for more
5 than three decades; and

6 WHEREAS, Bear Coyle graduated from Woodford County High School in 1973
7 and began his career in law enforcement with the Woodford County Sheriff's Office in
8 1986. In 1992, he was awarded the Kentucky Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award. He was
9 appointed Sheriff of Woodford County in 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, after his extraordinary service in that capacity, Bear Coyle was proudly
11 elected as Woodford County Judge/Executive in 2006, and remained in that position until
12 his passing; and

13 WHEREAS, Bear Coyle was a pillar of the Woodford County community
14 throughout his life. A DARE instructor who served as president of DARE of Woodford
15 County Inc., he was active with the Troy Presbyterian Church, Landmark Lodge #41
16 F&AM, and Buford Lodge #494 F&AM. He served as president of the Woodford County
17 Agency for Substance Abuse Policy ASAP, was a board member of the Kentucky
18 Sheriff's Association, and was chair of the Woodford County Democratic Party Executive
19 Committee and the Woodford County Board of Health. He was appointed to the
20 Kentucky Law Enforcement Council by former Governor Steve Beshear; and

21 WHEREAS, John Edward "Bear" Coyle, proud Woodford Countian and beloved
22 husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on November 5, 2018, leaving
23 all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

24 WHEREAS, Bear Coyle was preceded in death by his parents, John William Coyle
25 and Ethel Corman Coyle. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Don Withers
26 Coyle; sons, Andrew (Kristin), Roy (Katherine), Matthew (Jordan), and John Paul;
27 granddaughters, Ella, Sloane, and Mallory; and a host of other family members, friends,

1 and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
6 most profound sorrow upon the passing of John Edward "Bear" Coyle, and posthumously
7 thank him for his many years of public service in Woodford County.

8 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
9 honor of John Edward "Bear" Coyle.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
11 copy of this Resolution to Representative Joe Graviss for delivery to the family.