

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Kentucky House of Representatives in honor of
2 George Costello Wolfe.

3 WHEREAS, George C. Wolfe, noted writer, producer, and director of stage and
4 screen plays, was raised in Frankfort, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfe is a 1972 graduate of Frankfort High School; and

6 WHEREAS, George C. Wolfe attended Kentucky State University for one year
7 before transferring to and graduating from Pomona College with a B.A. in theater; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfe later moved to New York City where he earned a Master of
9 Fine Arts in dramatic writing and musical theater at New York University in 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, George C. Wolfe wrote and produced his first play, *Tribal Rites, or*
11 *The Coming of the Great God-bird Nabuku to the Age of Horace Lee Lizer*, in 1977; and

12 WHEREAS, George C. Wolfe's New York stage plays and musicals include:
13 *Paradise* (1985); *The Colored Museum* (1986); *Spunk* (1989); *Jelly's Last Jam* (1992);
14 *Bring in da Noise, Bring in da Funk* (1995); and *The Wild Party* (2000); and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfe served as director and producer of the New York
16 Shakespeare Festival/Public Theatre from 1993-2004, and directed/produced such plays
17 as *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches* and *Angels in America: Perestroika* (both
18 1993); *The Tempest* (1995); *Golden Child* and *On the Town* (both 1998); *Elaine Stritch at*
19 *Liberty* and *Topdog/Underdog* (both 2002); *Take Me Out* (2003); and *Caroline, or*
20 *Change* (2004); and

21 WHEREAS, George C. Wolfe has also produced or directed other plays since 2004,
22 including: *Mother Courage and Her Children* (2006), *The Normal Heart* (2011), and
23 *Lucky Guy* (2013); and

24 WHEREAS, George C. Wolfe's 2016 Broadway play *Shuffle Along, or, The Making*
25 *of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed* ran for 100 performances; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfe has had a successful film career that includes directing
27 and/or producing the films *Fires in the Mirror* (1993), *Lackawanna Blues* (2004), *Nights*

1 *in Rodanthe* (2008), *You're Not Alone* (2013), and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
2 (filming 2016-2017); and

3 WHEREAS, George Costello Wolfe, a native Kentuckian, has brought honor and
4 distinction to his parents, Anna Lindsey Wolfe and Costello Wolfe; to his family, friends,
5 and colleagues; to Frankfort where he was raised; and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky
6 for his achievements and recognitions that include the Tony Award, the Obie Award, and
7 many others;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
10 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

11 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky House of Representatives adjourns this day in honor of
12 and appreciation for George C. Wolfe.

13 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
14 copy of this Resolution to Representative James Kay.