

1 A RESOLUTION honoring John Prine.

2 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has long celebrated a deep and
3 enduring connection with country, folk, bluegrass, and Americana music; and

4 WHEREAS, Kentuckians have duly appreciated both the musical expression of true
5 folk and country musicianship as well as the artists who have built their styles around the
6 old-time music that has come to define the Bluegrass State; and

7 WHEREAS, from Bill Monroe to Loretta Lynn, and beyond, Kentucky has long
8 been a place synonymous with true folk and country music; and

9 WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, John Prine passed away at the age of 73 due to
10 complications from Covid-19; and

11 WHEREAS, on this day this body honors the life and accomplishments of one of
12 the most influential songwriters of his generation, John Prine; and

13 WHEREAS, although John Prine was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, he was
14 born the son of William and Verna Prine, both from Muhlenberg County, Kentucky,
15 raised in folk music traditions, and described his roots as "pure Kentucky." After his time
16 serving in the United States Army, John Prine would return to Chicago where he became
17 a central figure in the city's folk music revival of the early 1970s; and

18 WHEREAS, during a lengthy and prodigious musical career, John Prine, became
19 known for his ragged voice and insightful, humorous, and wry storytelling. John Prine
20 rose to the top of his industry, being nominated for 11 Grammy Awards, winning two,
21 and receiving the Grammy Lifetime Achievement award, all the while garnering the
22 highest acclaim from his peers and fellow country and folk music legends such as Johnny
23 Cash, Bob Dylan, and Kris Kristofferson; and

24 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those artists who performed and
25 represented their craft at such a thoughtful and masterful level that they become elder
26 statesmen and examples for future generations of musicians, such as Kentucky's own
27 Sturgill Simpson and Tyler Childers, and who create such timeless art as to attract

1 generations of younger fans to country music while keeping the admiration of those who
2 have been fans for decades; and

3 WHEREAS, in so doing, this body rightfully honors John Prine, thanks him for his
4 profound contributions to folk and country music, and honors an extraordinary career
5 which spanned five decades;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate body hereby honor John Prine, and
10 acknowledge him as a pure Kentuckian and artist of the highest order.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate body adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and
12 gratitude to John Prine.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey.