

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Ron
2 Jenkins.

3 WHEREAS, this august body honors those Kentuckians who give back to their
4 communities in profound ways, and who spend their professional careers enriching the
5 lives of their fellow citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Ron Jenkins, being one such Kentuckian, is therefore honored on this
7 day, and all in this body stand in silent reverence for his extraordinary contributions to the
8 field of journalism; and

9 WHEREAS, Ron Jenkins began his career in journalism as a sports columnist with
10 the Henderson *Gleaner-Journal*. He would go on to attend Murray State University and
11 play minor league baseball, but he would return to his calling in the 1960s and continue
12 his work with the *Gleaner-Journal*; and

13 WHEREAS, Ron Jenkins was named editor of the newspaper in 1972; and

14 WHEREAS, as editor of the *Gleaner*, Ron Jenkins was a compassionate ear to
15 young reporters but also a tireless mentor who took the newspaper into the upper
16 echelons of journalistic excellence in this Commonwealth. The *Gleaner* was given a
17 General Excellence Award by the Kentucky Press Association 22 times in 25 years under
18 Mr. Jenkins' leadership, and in 2007 he was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall
19 of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, Ron Jenkins was also a valuable member of the Henderson
21 community, launching an initiative in 2006 to help train and mentor emerging community
22 leaders; and

23 WHEREAS, Ron Jenkins departed this earthly life on September 6, 2021, leaving
24 all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

25 WHEREAS, this body rightfully stands in silent reverence for a true "man of the
26 people" Ron Jenkins, and posthumously honors him for his extraordinary career as editor
27 of the Henderson *Gleaner*, for all he accomplished on behalf of journalism in Kentucky,

1 and for his many contributions to the citizens of Henderson, Kentucky;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
6 hereby express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Ron Jenkins, and
7 extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

8 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
9 memory of Ron Jenkins.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
11 Resolution to Senator Robby Mills for delivery to the family.