

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Neal
2 "Banjo Man" Shannon James II.

3 WHEREAS, Neal "Banjo Man" Shannon James II was born on August 10, 1963, to
4 the late Neal James and Nancy Poynter James; and

5 WHEREAS, Neal James graduated from Lincoln County High School and was a
6 former employee of ATR Inc.; and

7 WHEREAS, Neal James was a member of Willow Grove Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Neal James, as a songwriter and musician, joined BMI, the largest
9 music rights group in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Neal James entertained countless people alongside Ernie "Turtleman"
11 Brown Jr. on the show "Call of the Wildman," which aired for four seasons on Animal
12 Planet; and

13 WHEREAS, Neal James volunteered his time serving and mentoring at Isaiah
14 House in Willisburg, Kentucky; and

15 WHEREAS, Neal James was honored as a Kentucky Colonel; and

16 WHEREAS, Neal James, kindhearted and loving servant of Jesus, departed this
17 earthly life on February 1, 2019, leaving his family, friends, and all whose life he touched
18 in solemn mourning; and

19 WHEREAS, Neal James is survived by his wife, Rosemary James; his two sons,
20 Kenny James and Ronnie Isaacs II; two daughters, Sara McBride and Victoria Miller; two
21 sisters, Carol Bell and Janice Tillett; and nine grandchildren, Josie Luttman, Chloe
22 Miller, Isabella Miller, Justine Luttman, Leyna McBride, Joshua McBride, Elizabeth
23 McBride, Benjamin James, and Jacob James. He was preceded in death by his parents;
24 an infant brother, Donald Lee James; a granddaughter, Laura Shannon James; one niece,
25 Tami Owens; and a special brother-in-law, Joe Bell;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
3 sympathies upon the passing of Neal "Banjo Man" Shannon James II and extend heartfelt
4 condolences to his family, friends, and community for their loss.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 memory of Neal "Banjo Man" Shannon James II.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.