

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of Earl Cox.

3 WHEREAS, Earl Cox was born in Irvine, Kentucky, on March 25, 1930, the
4 cherished son of the late Bess and Coleman Cox; and

5 WHEREAS, Earl Cox attended the University of Kentucky and was a proud veteran
6 of the United States Army; and

7 WHEREAS, upon his return to Kentucky, Earl Cox began a career in journalism
8 and would go on to become one of this Commonwealth's most celebrated sportswriters;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Earl Cox began his extraordinary career with the Louisville *Courier-*
11 *Journal*, ignoring the objections of his editor and covering all-black schools in the 1950s.
12 He was also one of the only sportswriters in America who covered women's sports in the
13 1950s and 1960s, and hired the *Courier-Journal's* first female sportswriter in the early
14 1970s; and

15 WHEREAS, Earl Cox retired from the *Courier-Journal* in the 1980s and began his
16 second career as a sports editor for the Louisville *Voice-Tribune*. For many years he was
17 one of the most popular syndicated sportswriters in Kentucky, and his work was read and
18 beloved by so many in this Commonwealth and across the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, Earl Cox was the founder and first president of The Associated Press
20 Sports Editors, a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, the Kentucky
21 Athletic Hall of Fame, the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall
22 of Fame, and was named by his colleagues as Kentucky Sportswriter of the Year multiple
23 times; and

24 WHEREAS, Earl Cox, a beloved family man and one of Kentucky's most revered
25 journalists, departed this earthly life on December 13, 2016, leaving his family, friends,
26 and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

27 WHEREAS, Earl Cox was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings. He is

1 survived by his wife, Carolyn; his daughters, Sarah (Dwight Pridham) and Ellen Call (Jill
2 Johnson); son, Scott (Lorie); grandchildren, Emma, Hallie, Coleman, Caroline, Virginia,
3 and Sophie; step-grandchildren, Cameron, Kate, and Alex; good friends, Guy Strong,
4 Oscar Combs, and Coach Joe B. Hall; and a host of other family members, friends, and
5 loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their
10 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Earl Cox, and extend heartfelt condolences
11 to his family, friends, and community on this day.

12 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
13 honor and loving memory of Earl Cox.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to Representative Suzanne Miles for delivery.