

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentuckians who won a Grammy.

2 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2017, the 59th annual Grammy Awards took place at  
3 the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California; and

4 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has a deep and longstanding tradition  
5 of excellence in the arts, particularly in musical expression, which is evident in both  
6 Kentucky's deep connection to bluegrass and country music and in the impressive array of  
7 new bands that have come out of the Commonwealth in recent years; and

8 WHEREAS, Cage the Elephant, a rock band formed in Bowling Green in 2006,  
9 won a Grammy for Best Rock Album for *Tell Me I'm Pretty*. Produced by alternative rock  
10 legend Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys, *Tell Me I'm Pretty* was driven by its first single,  
11 "Mess Around," and emphasized the loose arrangements and emotionally charged lyrics  
12 for which the band has become famous; and

13 WHEREAS, Sturgill Simpson, a Lexington native, took home Best Country Album  
14 honors for *A Sailor's Guide to Earth*. Mr. Simpson, who once famously left music to  
15 work at a shipping yard in Salt Lake City, has become one of the pre-eminent voices of  
16 modern country music, lauded for both his strong beliefs about the improvement and  
17 future of the art form, and for his prodigious talent, which has earned comparisons to  
18 Outlaw Country superstars like Waylon Jennings; and

19 WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully acknowledges the achievements of both  
20 Cage the Elephant and Sturgill Simpson, and commends them for winning Grammy  
21 awards. In so doing, the members of this body thank both these musicians for carrying on  
22 this Commonwealth's extraordinary musical tradition, and grants both best wishes as they  
23 continue to build their already impressive careers;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor

1 Kentuckians who won a Grammy at the 59th annual awards, and celebrate the profound  
2 contributions that Cage the Elephant and Sturgill Simpson have made to modern music.

3       ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
4 honor of Sturgill Simpson and Cage the Elephant.

5       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
6 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jim DeCesare.