

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Michael
2 Bolden.

3 WHEREAS, this august body pauses in solemn reverence on this day to
4 acknowledge the life of Michael Bolden; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Bolden was a native of Mason County, Kentucky, where he
6 discovered his passion for music through his high school choir teacher; and

7 WHEREAS, through hard work and dedication, Michael Bolden achieved a
8 scholarship to study music education at Morehead State University, and later at the
9 University of Louisville; and

10 WHEREAS, since 1972, Michael Bolden was a cast member of the Stephen Foster
11 Story. In his 26 seasons at the Stephen Foster Story, he rose from chorus member to
12 musical director; and

13 WHEREAS, in "The Stephen Foster Story," Michael Bolden played the role of
14 Uncle Nebo, a grandfatherly figure who was an enslaved person from My Old Kentucky
15 Home. In his role as Uncle Nebo, Michael was known for his beautiful and skilled tenor
16 voice; and

17 WHEREAS, Michael Bolden also met his wife, Annie, while working in the
18 Stephen Foster Story. Annie joined the Stephen Foster Story in 1971, and their friends
19 have noted how they would never forget Michael and Annie singing "Gentle Annie"
20 together; and

21 WHEREAS, aside from performing in and directing the Stephen Foster Story,
22 Michael Bolden also taught music at Butler Traditional School in Jefferson County,
23 Kentucky; and

24 WHEREAS, Michael Bolden, after retiring from 30 years of teaching choral music,
25 served as a Music Minister and resident soloist at Christ Church United Methodist in
26 Louisville. He performed, to much acclaim, in countless churches, Kentucky opera stages,
27 and as far abroad as Singapore; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael Bolden was seen as a fatherly figure to many, one who lead
2 by example and created an atmosphere centered around joy and the love of music and
3 performing; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Bolden is survived by his wife, Annie, their two children, and
5 two grandchildren;

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, individually and collectively, hereby
10 express their deepest sympathy upon the passing of Michael Bolden, and posthumously
11 honor him.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
13 memory of Michael Bolden.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is to transmit a copy of this Resolution to
15 Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery to the family.