

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Stephen  
2 Francis Thompson.

3           WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson was born on October 14, 1943, as the youngest of  
4 four children to David and Frances Thompson. He was raised in Pasadena, California, as  
5 a Catholic and attended Cal Poly San Louis Obispo, where he earned a Bachelor's degree  
6 in food science. In 1986 he earned a Master's degree in Business from the University of  
7 Hartford; and

8           WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson was a member of the Board of Cal Poly and a  
9 member of the Cal Poly Alumni Association. During the 1960s, he was an amp technician  
10 for The Guess Who, and was inspiration for their song "Star Baby"; and

11           WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson married Vicki Thompson and together they raised  
12 their four children, Sheri, Katy, Stephen, and Paul. The family moved dozens of times  
13 across the country while Stephen pursued professional opportunities. One of the favorite  
14 family past times included sailing the harbors of Southern California; and

15           WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson started his professional career working for Hunt's,  
16 Libbys, and Heublein. While working for Heublein Inc., he manufactured such brands as  
17 Jose Cuervo and Smirnoff Vodka; and it was through this industry that Stephen  
18 Thompson transitioned to working in the world of bourbon; and

19           WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson retired as Vice President of Manufacturing with  
20 Brown-Forman in Louisville to become the founder of Hawaiian Island Spirits Inc. He  
21 later opened his "crown jewel," the Kentucky Artisan Distillery. Stephen Thompson held  
22 interests in other companies as the co-president of Jagger's Manufacturing, the owner of  
23 Anchorage Marine, and the owner and president of Royal Flush Industries; and

24           WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson died on September 6, 2021, and is preceded in  
25 death by his parents, David and Frances Thompson; and his canine companions, J.D.,  
26 Sadie, and Charles. He is survived by his cherished wife Linda Buccola Thompson who  
27 had been his childhood sweetheart; former wife, Vicki Freid Thompson; children, Sheri

1 (Todd) Tabor, Katy (Scott) Andrews, Stephen (Tiffany) Thompson, and Paul (Lacey  
2 Soriero) Thompson; grandchildren, Caroline Tabor, Sam Tabor, Mary Tabor, Jack  
3 Andrews, Mallory Thompson, Morgan Thompson, and Max Thompson-Soriero; siblings,  
4 Sheila Kraemer, Nancy Cramer, and David Thompson; faithful sidekick, Red; and a host  
5 of other family members, friends, and loved ones;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the  
10 passing of Stephen Francis Thompson and expresses heartfelt condolences to his family  
11 in this time of loss.

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

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this  
15 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery to the family.