

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of James W.
2 "Jitter" Allen.

3 WHEREAS, James W. "Jitter" Allen, of Frankfort, Kentucky, was born on October
4 23, 1942, to the late William "Bill" and Ora Mae Allen in Martin, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Martin High School in 1960, Jitter attended
6 Pikeville College and the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science; and

7 WHEREAS, Jitter was a true Renaissance man: he began his career as a licensed
8 funeral director and embalmer at Hall Brothers Funeral Home in Martin, and thereafter
9 worked as a deputy sheriff, deputy coroner, paramedic, railway dispatcher, marine
10 salesman, and coal leasing agent; and

11 WHEREAS, Jitter served as a State Representative for Kentucky's 95th Legislative
12 District for two terms beginning in January 1976. During his tenure, Jitter served as the
13 Vice Chairman of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee, Chairman of the
14 Surface Mining Subcommittee, and delegate for the 1976 Democratic National
15 Convention; and

16 WHEREAS, after his service in the General Assembly, Jitter served as the
17 legislative liaison for Governor Martha Layne Collins; and

18 WHEREAS, following his service to Governor Collins, Jitter began his own
19 lobbying firm, Allen & Associates, where he represented clients with integrity and
20 honesty for over 35 years, with his first client being Philip Morris; and

21 WHEREAS, when he wasn't "walking the marble floors" of the Capitol, Jitter was
22 an avid outdoorsman; his stories that didn't discuss politics usually included tales of his
23 many adventures hunting and fishing throughout the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, Jitter was known for his larger-than-life persona, and will be
25 remembered as a "legend" to all those who knew him; and

26 WHEREAS, Jitter departed this earthly life on July 4, 2023, at the age of 80. He
27 was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 48 years, Emily Martin Allen;

1 and his brother, Richard "Dickie" Allen; and

2 WHEREAS, Jitter is survived by his son, James "Greg" Gregory (Mary-Grace)
3 Allen; several nieces, nephews, and close cousins; and his constant canine companion, JJ;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate do hereby honor the life and
8 accomplishments of James W. "Jitter" Allen.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
10 memory of James W. "Jitter" Allen.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery to the family.