

1 A RESOLUTION honoring newly elected Bishop, Father J. Mark Spalding.

2 WHEREAS, in November 2017, Pope Francis appointed the Very Rev. J. Mark
3 Spalding as the 12th Bishop of the Nashville Diocese; and

4 WHEREAS, Father J. Mark Spalding currently serves as the pastor of Holy Trinity
5 Parish and Holy Name Parish, and has served as the Vicar General of the Louisville
6 Archdiocese since 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, in his response to Father J. Mark
8 Spalding's appointment, noted Fr. Spalding's "keen intellect" and the legacy he will leave
9 on the Louisville Archdiocese; and

10 WHEREAS, the members of this honorable body rightfully congratulate Father J.
11 Mark Spalding upon his appointment as the Bishop of the Nashville Diocese, thank him
12 for all he has accomplished on behalf of the Louisville Archdiocese, and grant him best
13 wishes as he continues to serve as a true steward of God Almighty;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

15 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
16 ***Kentucky:***

17 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Father J. Mark Spalding
18 upon his appointment as the 12th Bishop of the Nashville Diocese, and commend him for
19 his lifetime of service to the Louisville Archdiocese.

20 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and rightful
21 celebration of Father J. Mark Spalding.

22 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
23 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.