

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Lewis  
2 "Sonny" Bass.

3           WHEREAS, Lewis "Sonny" Bass was born in Louisville on June 5, 1921. A proud  
4 graduate of Male High School, he went on to study at Western Military Academy in  
5 Alton, Illinois, and graduate from Miami University and the University of Louisville,  
6 where he lettered in football and basketball; and

7           WHEREAS, Sonny Bass proudly served in the United States Air Force during  
8 World War II, and upon his return to his treasured hometown he co-founded, along with  
9 David Jones, Wendell Cherry, and Charles Weisberg, Heritage House of America; and

10           WHEREAS, Heritage House would go on to become Humana, and the company  
11 Sonny Bass helped start would become a giant in the healthcare industry and one of this  
12 Commonwealth's beacons of industry and innovation; and

13           WHEREAS, Sonny Bass's influence as a businessman, entrepreneur, and  
14 Louisvillian of the first order was apparent in all aspects of his extraordinary life. He was  
15 a gifted tennis player who won a gold medal in the Maccabi Games in Israel in 1986; he  
16 was an accomplished amateur magician; and above all he was a true supporter of the  
17 Louisville community, serving on the boards of Bellarmine University, the Louisville  
18 Rotary Club, and several other institutions throughout the city; and

19           WHEREAS, Sonny Bass was one of the most ardent supporters of the University of  
20 Louisville in the Commonwealth. The famed clock tower at UofL was built with a gift  
21 from Sonny and his wife, Gladys; the seed money for the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center in  
22 Cardinal Park was granted by the Bass family; and for his many contributions to the  
23 university and its athletics programs Mr. Bass was inducted into the University of  
24 Louisville Athletics Hall of Fame; and

25           WHEREAS, Sonny Bass was a proud and devout member of The Temple and  
26 Adath Jeshurun Synagogues; and

27           WHEREAS, Lewis "Sonny" Bass, famed Kentucky entrepreneur; true renaissance

1 man; and cherished husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on  
2 December 11, 2020, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

3 WHEREAS, Sonny Bass was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Anna Bass,  
4 and his grandson, Elliott Joseph Bass. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Gladys;  
5 sons, Mitchel (Delores), Ned, and Steve (Terri); nine grandchildren; and three great-  
6 grandchildren;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the  
11 passing of Lewis "Sonny" Bass, and posthumously thank him for his contributions to the  
12 city of Louisville and to this Commonwealth.

13 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
14 memory of Lewis "Sonny" Bass.

15 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
16 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery to the family.