

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the charitable work of Father Jim Sichko.

2 WHEREAS, Father Jim Sichko is a prominent priest, evangelist, and motivational
3 speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, and in February of 2016, Pope
4 Francis commissioned Father Jim Sichko as one of his Papal Missionaries of Mercy, of
5 which there are only 1,000 in the world and 100 in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Father Jim Sichko was ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus
7 Christ on May 23, 1998. Father Sichko studied theology at Sacred Heart School of
8 Theology and completed his undergraduate work at New England Conservatory of Music
9 in Vocal Performance; and

10 WHEREAS, Father Sichko weaves everyday life experiences into the rooted
11 messages which lie within the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is known for his presentations
12 entitled "60 Minutes for Jesus" targeting all family members; and

13 WHEREAS, Father Sichko is the grandson of a Pennsylvania coal miner and felt an
14 immediate need to travel to Harlan, Kentucky upon hearing that the Chapter 11
15 bankruptcy of Blackjewel LLC, and its subsidiaries had left hundreds of Kentucky coal
16 miners in financial turmoil when their paychecks never arrived; and

17 WHEREAS, in July 2019, Father Jim Sichko used more than \$20,400 from his
18 personal account to pay the electric bills of approximately 200 eastern Kentucky out-of-
19 work coal miners who were left in financial distress following the bankruptcy of
20 Blackjewel LLC; and

21 WHEREAS, this is just one of many instances in which Father Jim Sichko has
22 traveled throughout the United States to perform random acts of generosity and kindness,
23 giving away thousands of dollars to people at grocery stores, on the streets, and to those
24 most in need;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
27 *Kentucky:*

1 ➔Section 1. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and eternal
2 gratitude to Father Jim Sichko for his unwavering commitment to those in need.

3 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
4 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery.