

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Frank Smith, world champion archer.

2 WHEREAS, Frank Smith, a native of Bardstown, has brought honor and
3 recognition to the Commonwealth through his exploits as a champion archer; and

4 WHEREAS, during the summer of his 6th grade year, Frank Smith attended the
5 Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Conservation Camp, where,
6 ironically, the archery patch was the only one for which he did not qualify; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Saint Joseph Prep in Bardstown and studying at
8 the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, Frank Smith took a job with
9 Kentucky state government; and

10 WHEREAS, Frank Smith served as a member of the Kentucky House of
11 Representatives from 1978 to 1984, representing Bullitt County as the member from the
12 49th Legislative District; and

13 WHEREAS, Frank Smith has become the most decorated archer the
14 Commonwealth of Kentucky has ever produced, winning 44 championships and setting
15 36 records across state, sectional, national and international competition from 1965 to
16 2022; and

17 WHEREAS, Frank Smith has amassed 17 Kentucky Archers Association
18 Championships, 12 National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Southeast Sectional
19 Championships, 12 NFAA National Championships, 2 International Field Archery
20 Association (IFAA) North American Championships, and the 2016 IFAA World
21 Championship, which was held in Wagga Wagga, Australia; and

22 WHEREAS, at the 2016 World Championships, Frank Smith not only won the
23 individual title, but also led the United States to the silver medal in the team competition;
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25 WHEREAS, Frank Smith was named Kentucky Archer of the Year in 2017 by the
26 Kentucky Archers Association, was inducted into the Kentucky Archers Association Hall
27 of Fame in 2017 and the Saint Joseph Prep Hall of Fame in 2018, and was nominated for

1 induction in the Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame in 2022; and

2 WHEREAS, Frank Smith was President of the Kentucky Archers Association in
3 2014, named one of the "Five Outstanding Young Men in Kentucky" by the Kentucky
4 Jaycees in 1979, served as Charter President of the Shepherdsville Jaycees in 1976, and
5 served on the boards of the Bullitt County Red Cross and the Bullitt County Fair; and

6 WHEREAS, perhaps the most important mark Frank Smith will leave on the sport
7 of archery in Kentucky can be found in the more than 7,000 students at more than 450
8 schools that are enrolled in archery programs; and

9 WHEREAS, as a Level-3 certified archery instructor, Frank Smith's willingness to
10 mentor all students of the sport, from school-age youngsters to senior citizens, as well as
11 his personal story, should serve as an inspiration, not only to archery enthusiasts, but to
12 all citizens of the Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting and proper that the contributions Frank Smith has
14 made to the sport of archery in the Commonwealth and long record of public service
15 reflected in his words, "Shoot straight, hit your mark, and be a champion in life," deserve
16 public recognition;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Mike Nemes in recognizing
21 the achievements of champion archer Frank Smith, heralding him for his tireless efforts
22 to grow the sport of archery in the Commonwealth as well as his long records of public
23 service, and wishing him good fortune in all future endeavors.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
25 Senator Mike Nemes for presentation to Frank Smith.