

A RESOLUTION honoring Justice Joseph E. Lambert.

WHEREAS, Justice Joseph E. Lambert is a native of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. He graduated from Georgetown College and the University of Louisville School of Law, and practiced law in Mt. Vernon for thirteen years before being appointed to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Justice Lambert was selected Chief Justice by his colleagues three times, serving in that position from 1998 until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Justice Lambert was crucial to implementing many vital programs that improved the lives of the citizens and families of Rockcastle County. He was instrumental in the construction of the new Rockcastle County Judicial Center and Annex, and oversaw the passage of the 2002 amendment that made Family Courts a permanent part of the Kentucky Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lambert's recognitions are many, including the Outstanding Judge of Kentucky Award from the Kentucky Bar Association; the Civil Rights Award from the Northern Kentucky and Lexington NAACP, the Kentucky Bar Association President's Special Service Award, the Kentucky Public Advocate Award, and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2016, Justice Lambert will be rightfully honored by the people of Rockcastle County for all that he accomplished during his time in private practice and as Chief Justice; and

WHEREAS, as Justice Lambert is recognized by the people of his beloved hometown, this honorable body on this day also commends him for his many contributions to the Supreme Court of Kentucky, for his continuing dedication to bettering the lives of Kentucky's families, and for serving the people of Mt. Vernon with dignity, humility, and honor;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

*Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Justice Joseph E. Lambert for his many accomplishments as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, and thanks him for all he has done and continues to do for the people of Rockcastle County.

➔Section 2. This body also stands in partnership with the Judge/Executive of Rockcastle County, Doug Bishop, and those who serve at the Rockcastle County Judicial Center as they come together to bestow this much-deserved honorarium to one of Kentucky's native sons.

➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Justice Joseph E. Lambert.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Jonathan Shell for delivery.