

A RESOLUTION honoring Representative Leslie Combs upon her retirement from the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Representative Leslie Combs is a proud graduate of Pikeville College. A member of the Pikeville Rotary Club, the Pike County Industrial Development Authority Board, the Pike County Democrat Executive Committee, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, and a past member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, she has spent her career in the General Assembly proudly supporting such critical issues as education, coal mining, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, along with her public service, Representative Leslie Combs is a passionate advocate of the University of Pikeville, where she served as an administrator for more than two decades. She has been granted an honorary doctorate from the university, and in 2012 she was formally recognized for her outstanding achievements and commitment to UPIKE; and

WHEREAS, Representative Leslie Combs was elected to represent Kentucky House District 94, and has served in the House of Representatives since 2007. During her nine years of service to this body, she has worked diligently to honor the best interests of her district and to improve the quality of life of all Kentuckians; and

WHEREAS, during her decorated tenure as a member of the House of Representatives, Representative Leslie Combs has served on the Appropriations and Revenue; Education; State Government; Tourism Development and Energy; Transportation; and Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committees. A key cog in the House budget process, Representative Combs was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to "Transforming Education in Kentucky," a task force designed to bring the state's educational system into the 21st century. She was also, along with Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo, on the leading edge of the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship Program, which helps students in coal-producing counties finish their bachelor's degrees; and

WHEREAS, Representative Leslie Combs is rightfully honored on this day for her service to this Commonwealth as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives. Her tireless work on behalf of her constituents is justly acknowledged, and for her nine years of service as a legislator, for the countless hours she has spent working on behalf of her district, and for her achievements as a human being of the first order, she is commended and granted best wishes as she begins a new chapter of her life;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby salute the Lady from Pike 94, Representative Leslie Combs; express their sincere appreciation for her service to her district, the General Assembly, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and wish her Godspeed as she awaits new and exciting challenges.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Representative Leslie Combs.