

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of
2 Hopkinsville.

3 WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago,
4 Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary Club members comprising
6 professional and business leaders in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic
7 areas; and

8 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville recently celebrated its 100th
9 anniversary, and it is duly congratulated by this august body; and

10 WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville has embodied Rotary
11 International's enduring motto, "Service Above Self," and for the myriad contributions to
12 the citizens of Hopkinsville the Club has made throughout the decades they are duly
13 commended by all in this body; and

14 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville was founded in 1920 by a cross
15 section of community leaders dedicated to the ideals of Fellowship and Service; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville started a student loan fund in 1951
17 and for 70 years has given more than \$11 million in student loans and scholarships to
18 high school seniors; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville started the Rotary Scholars
20 Program, giving every high school senior in Christian County the opportunity to attend
21 Hopkinsville Community College for two years tuition-free; and

22 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville donated \$200,000 to the Hopkinsville
23 Boys and Girls Club in 2018 to help them build a new kitchen for their facility; and

24 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville raises between \$250,000 and
25 \$333,000 each year through its annual auction held in May. Even during COVID-19, the
26 Club still found a way to have their auction in September 2020 and raised \$255,000; and

27 WHEREAS, at their 100th anniversary celebration in January 2021, the Rotary Club

1 of Hopkinsville announced the formation of the Hopkinsville Rotary Foundation to
2 explore other charitable opportunities in the community. The Club plans to start this
3 foundation with \$1 million set aside as a perpetual source to fund youth- and education-
4 related activities well into the future; and

5 WHEREAS, this body congratulates all those affiliated with the Rotary Club of
6 Hopkinsville, commends the Club on celebrating its 100th anniversary, and grants
7 everyone involved best wishes as they carry Rotary International's mission into a new
8 century of service;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
11 *Kentucky:*

12 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville upon its
13 100th anniversary.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Rotary
15 Club of Hopkinsville.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Whitney Westerfield.