

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Charlotte Whittaker, AARP Kentucky
2 Volunteer State President, upon the occasion of her retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Charlotte Whittaker, a native of Hartford, Kentucky, has dedicated
4 decades of volunteer service to her hometown and across the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, as American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Kentucky
6 Volunteer State President, Charlotte Whittaker has brought a steady and thoughtful
7 approach to leading the organization's executive council, chapters, volunteers, and over
8 430,000 members; and

9 WHEREAS, Charlotte Whittaker's devotion to community service and the AARP
10 mission has been resolute, not only through the good times, but also those challenging
11 times of uncertainty; and

12 WHEREAS, recognized as a leading advocate for aging well and with a purpose,
13 Charlotte Whittaker's example of volunteerism has inspired countless other individuals to
14 volunteer; and

15 WHEREAS, as a direct result of her countless hours of volunteer work, Charlotte
16 Whittaker has changed many lives across the Commonwealth for the better, and has
17 gained friends and colleagues from across all parts of Kentucky; and

18 WHEREAS, through exhaustive grassroots advocacy in both Washington, D.C. and
19 Frankfort, Charlotte Whittaker has successfully supported lower prescription drug prices
20 for diabetics, enhanced home and community-based services, expanded basic social
21 services, and greater consumer protections from fraud, abuse, and exploitation; and

22 WHEREAS, Charlotte Whittaker has pushed to provide disaster relief support
23 targeting older Kentuckians during ice storms, severe flooding, and tornadoes, helping to
24 protect a vulnerable population during emergencies; and

25 WHEREAS, Charlotte Whittaker also helped secure AARP Community Challenge
26 Grants for local Kentucky nonprofits and municipalities to make their communities more
27 livable; and

1 WHEREAS, Charlotte Whittaker has also been a prominent advocate to protect
2 funding for the Commonwealth's retired public employees and public school teachers;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, prior to retirement, Charlotte Whittaker was a recognized leader in
5 west Kentucky's aging services programs and an award-winning Ohio County Senior
6 Center director, chair of the Ohio County Board of Education, and chair of Audubon
7 Area Community Services; and

8 WHEREAS, Charlotte Whittaker continues to visit Kentucky's six age-friendly
9 communities, senior centers, and community groups to facilitate conversations about
10 veterans outreach, the AARP Fraud Watch Network, and caregiving; and

11 WHEREAS, alongside her through her volunteering career, Charlotte Whittaker has
12 enjoyed the support, love, and companionship of her husband, Gerald Whittaker; and

13 WHEREAS, after acting as a beacon for empowering Kentuckians over the age of
14 50 to live their best lives, it is appropriate that the occasion of Charlotte Whittaker's
15 retirement as AARP Kentucky Volunteer State President be recognized and celebrated;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Stephen Meredith in
20 honoring Charlotte Whittaker upon her retirement, saluting her accomplished career as
21 the AARP Kentucky Volunteer State President, and thanking her for her service to the
22 Commonwealth.

23 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
24 Resolution to Senator Stephen Meredith for presentation to Charlotte Whittaker upon her
25 visit to the Senate.