

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Aaron Thompson.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Aaron Thompson is a proud graduate of Eastern Kentucky  
3 University and the University of Kentucky, where he received his M.A. in 1990 and his  
4 Ph.D. in 1992; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has served on 53 state and national boards and  
6 committees, including the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board, the Quality Assurance  
7 Commons for Higher and Postsecondary Education Board, the Baptist Health Board, and  
8 the National Council on Community and Education Partnerships; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson served as a White House Advisor for the White House  
10 Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and as the state lead on the  
11 White House Reach Higher Initiative Convening on Strengthening School Counseling  
12 and College Advising and the White House Reach Higher Summit on FAFSA; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson served as the Interim President of Kentucky State  
14 University from May 2016 until 2017. He was instrumental in balancing the university's  
15 budget and increasing first-time, first-year student enrollment by 133 percent; increasing  
16 the graduate enrollment by 18 percent; and increasing the faculty of color by 25 percent;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson currently serves as the President of the Council on  
19 Postsecondary Education. The former Executive Vice President and Chief Academic  
20 Officer of the Council, he has served as President since November 2018, providing  
21 direction for a variety of initiatives linking the academic goals and programs of  
22 Kentucky's postsecondary institutions with a public agenda addressing the needs of  
23 Kentucky's students, citizens, communities, and economy; and

24 WHEREAS, it is rightful that this body honor Dr. Aaron Thompson on this day and  
25 duly thank him for his many contributions to the field of education in this  
26 Commonwealth, and in so doing the members grant him very best wishes as he continues  
27 his leadership of the Council on Postsecondary Education;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

2    *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
3    *Kentucky:*

4           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Dr. Aaron Thompson and  
5    commend him for his years of leadership on the local, state, and national levels.

6           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dr. Aaron  
7    Thompson.

8           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
9    Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas.