

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the record number of women legislators serving in
2 the 2023 General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, March is National Women's History Month, and during this month we
4 celebrate women who have been leaders not only in securing the rights of suffrage and
5 equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the
6 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements which create
7 a more fair and just society for all; and

8 WHEREAS, women, now more than ever, serve in vital leadership roles in society
9 and contribute greatly to the United States and this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, during National Women's History Month, it is appropriate that we
11 celebrate the women of the Commonwealth of Kentucky who continue to make history;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, upon the swearing in of Cassie Chambers Armstrong as a member of
14 the Senate, the composition of women to men in the Senate will rise to a historic ratio of
15 nine women out of a total of 38 elected members; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Chambers Armstrong joins the ranks of many strong,
17 powerful, and independent women who have been elected to change the laws and
18 advocate for the women, children, elderly, and underserved in Kentucky in order to
19 position them for a better future; and

20 WHEREAS, the women in the Senate today follow in the footsteps of the
21 trailblazing Senator Georgia Davis Powers, the first woman and the first person of color
22 elected to the Senate; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2023 General Assembly convenes with the highest number of
24 women elected to both chambers, with the House of Representatives being composed of
25 31 women out of 100 total representatives; and

26 WHEREAS, 111 women have served in the House of Representatives and 27
27 women in the Senate since 1922 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

1 WHEREAS, the leadership of women in elected office serves as an example of
2 community and civic engagement for young girls and women in our country and this
3 Commonwealth;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes the significance of the achievement of
8 reaching a historic number of elected women in the Kentucky Senate and Kentucky
9 House of Representatives.

10 ➔Section 2. The Senate urges all girls and women to recognize their potential as
11 well as the possibility to serve as an elected member of the General Assembly as has been
12 shown possible by elected women leaders in Kentucky.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator Harper Angel.