

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women.

2 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women is a grassroots  
3 political organization with hundreds of active members in local clubs across the  
4 Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women is one of the largest  
6 and most influential women's political organizations operating in the Commonwealth  
7 today; and

8 WHEREAS, Republican women have myriad opportunities to make a difference in  
9 the political landscape across Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, the role of women in the voting and political process in Kentucky and  
11 across this great nation is essential to a healthy, vibrant democracy; and

12 WHEREAS, the women's suffrage movement began in 1848, when a woman's  
13 rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York; and

14 WHEREAS, for the next half-century, suffrage supporters worked to educate the  
15 public about suffrage under the leadership of women's rights pioneers; and

16 WHEREAS, at the turn of the century, women reformers wanted to pass reform  
17 legislation. However, many politicians were unwilling to listen to a disenfranchised  
18 group. Thus, over time women began to realize that in order to achieve reform, they  
19 needed to win the right to vote; and

20 WHEREAS, for these reasons, at the turn of the century the women's suffrage  
21 movement became a mass movement; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1920, due to the combined efforts of the National American Woman  
23 Suffrage Association and the National Woman's Party, the 19th Amendment was finally  
24 ratified; and

25 WHEREAS, the signing of the 19th Amendment, enfranchising women, was the  
26 single largest extension of democratic voting rights in our nation's history; and

27 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women duly acknowledges

1 and pays tribute to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment; and

2 WHEREAS, in this spirit, this august body honors the Kentucky Federation of  
3 Republican Women, and commends the organization for what it continues to do on behalf  
4 of the women of this Commonwealth;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors the Kentucky Federation of Republican  
9 Women.

10 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the  
11 Kentucky Federation of Republican Women.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
13 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery.