

1       A RESOLUTION honoring Senator Alice Forgy Kerr upon her retirement from the  
2 Senate.

3       WHEREAS, Senator Alice Forgy Kerr was born August 30, 1954, in Logan County,  
4 Kentucky, and graduated from Russellville High School and from Western Kentucky  
5 University with a degree in Education and Music and a Master's in Higher Education; and

6       WHEREAS, after college, Senator Kerr settled in Fayette County, where she raised  
7 her two sons, Carson and Jamison, lives with her husband, Randy Lutke, and enjoys  
8 keeping her grandchildren. Senator Kerr is a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where  
9 she has taught Sunday school, performs as a soloist, and is a member of the choir. Senator  
10 Kerr has served her community of Fayette County as a member of the United Way of the  
11 Bluegrass, board member of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, and member of  
12 the P.E.O. educational sorority. Senator Kerr is a talented singer and is known for singing  
13 *Happy Birthday* or *My Old Kentucky Home* on the Senate floor; and

14       WHEREAS, Senator Kerr was elected to the Senate in 1998 and has served the  
15 citizens of Fayette County for six terms. Senator Kerr was longtime chair of the  
16 Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor Committee and chair of the Licensing and  
17 Occupations Committee and the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center Board; co-  
18 chair of the following special committees: Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and  
19 Intergovernmental Affairs Task Force; Lexington/Big Sandy Rail Trail; State Health  
20 Insurance Program; Inter-County Cooperation; Economic Development Task Force;  
21 Workers' Compensation Task Force; and Severe Mental Illness Task Force; committee  
22 member of the following Senate standing committees: Education; Judiciary; State and  
23 Local Government; Appropriations and Revenue; Health and Welfare; and Veterans,  
24 Military Affairs, and Public Protection; committee member of the following Senate  
25 statutory committees, special committees, or subcommittees: Tobacco Task Force,  
26 Advanced Placement Programs, Tax Policy Issues, Budget Review Subcommittee on  
27 Economic Development and Tourism, Teacher Profession, Administrative Regulation

1 Review Subcommittee, School Calendars and the Tourism Industry, Childhood Obesity  
2 Task Force, Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee, and  
3 School Safety Working Group; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Kerr's significant legislative achievements have confirmed her  
5 commitment to making Kentucky more prosperous and improving the lives of Kentucky's  
6 mothers and their families. Senator Kerr enacted legislation requiring accommodations  
7 for pregnant women and mothers in the workplace; closed a loophole preventing  
8 uninsured women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer from receiving lifesaving  
9 treatment through Kentucky's Medicaid program; sponsored the "Bryan Durman Act"  
10 named in honor of the Lexington police officer who died in a 2010 hit-and-run accident;  
11 created a dedicated funding source for the purchase of additional equipment through the  
12 Emergency Medical Services for Children Program; strengthened and updated the  
13 Kentucky Jobs Development Act; advocated for a statue of Russellville native Alice  
14 Dunnigan, an African American journalist, in the Kentucky Capitol Rotunda and National  
15 Statuary Hall collection at the U.S. Capitol; and was a driving force in the creation of the  
16 Aerospace/Aviation Caucus to promote the aerospace and aviation industry in the  
17 Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Alice Forgy Kerr is rightfully honored on this day for her  
19 exceptional service to this Commonwealth as a member of the Senate. For Senator Kerr's  
20 tireless work and passion for her constituents and the city of Lexington and Fayette  
21 County, for her six terms of 24 years of service to this body, and for her achievements as  
22 a human being of the first order, she is commended and granted best wishes as she begins  
23 a new chapter in her life;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
26 *Kentucky:*

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby salute the Senator from Fayette

1 12, Senator Alice Forgy Kerr, and express their sincere appreciation for her service to her  
2 community, the General Assembly, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Senator  
4 Alice Forgy Kerr.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
6 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery.