

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the 1981 Kentucky State University women's basketball
2 team upon the 40th anniversary of their national championship.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky State University Thorobrettes captured the inaugural
4 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Women's Basketball National
5 Championship in 1981; and

6 WHEREAS, the Thorobrettes went on an 11-0 run to end the season and win the
7 championship in the only national title game to feature two Historically Black Colleges
8 and Universities; and

9 WHEREAS, the unranked Kentucky State University team defeated top-ranked
10 Texas Southern University 73-67 to claim the championship under the steady leadership
11 of Coach Ron Mitchell; and

12 WHEREAS, All-American Carolyn Walker was named Most Valuable Player of the
13 Tournament and first-team all-tournament; and

14 WHEREAS, Angelia Barnett and Pam King were named second-team all-
15 tournament; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Ron Mitchell was named the National Association Athletics
17 Coach of the Year; and

18 WHEREAS, the Thorobrettes were the first women's basketball team in the
19 Commonwealth of Kentucky to win a national championship;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
22 ***Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
24 honor the 1981 Kentucky State University women's basketball team, and congratulate
25 them on the 40th anniversary of their historic accomplishment.

26 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the 1981
27 Kentucky State University women's basketball team.

- 1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Adrienne Southworth for delivery.