

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Central High School.

2 WHEREAS, Central High School was established in 1882 in Louisville, Kentucky;  
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4 WHEREAS, the school, founded by a group of local ministers, began with the  
5 enduring vision of offering education to the city's black children; and

6 WHEREAS, through five locations and three name changes, Central High School  
7 has continued to stand as a testament to quality, life-changing public education in the city  
8 of Louisville and this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Central High School continues to serve as a shining example to other  
10 institutions in Kentucky in both the academic and athletic arenas; and

11 WHEREAS, the athletic alumni of Central High School include the great  
12 Muhammad Ali; Margaret Richards, the current head coach of the University of Alabama  
13 A&M women's basketball team who was inducted into the Kentucky High School  
14 Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2017; and legendary boys' coach William Kean, one  
15 of the most instrumental figures in the desegregation of the high school game in  
16 Kentucky; and

17 WHEREAS, on February 25, 2018, Central High School rightfully honored its  
18 distinguished alumni. The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame was begun in 2002 as a  
19 way to showcase those Central alumni who had made profound contributions in their  
20 communities outside the athletic realm; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2018 inductees to the Central High School Distinguished Alumni  
22 Hall of Fame were Elmer Lucille Allen, the first African-American chemist to work at  
23 Brown-Forman; Dr. Daniel Hall, the former Vice President of the University of  
24 Louisville; noted author Emma Talbott; retired Louisville Assistant Fire Chief Cynthia  
25 Waldon, the first African-American female to hold her post; James Willis; and LeRoy  
26 Winston, who broke the color barrier as an employee of the United States Postal Service;  
27 and

1           WHEREAS, this body honors Central High School on this day while reaffirming its  
2 tradition in this Commonwealth as an institution that prides itself on rigorous higher  
3 learning and equality for all; and

4           WHEREAS, in so doing, this body thanks current principal Dr. Raymond Green for  
5 his selfless sacrifice and constant leadership, and acknowledges the many contributions of  
6 Central's alumni and its faculty, both present and past, for all they have done to shape the  
7 minds and lives of those generations of young people who have walked through its  
8 decorated halls at 12th and Chestnut;

9           NOW, THEREFORE,

10 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
11 ***Kentucky:***

12           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Central High School, thanks the many  
13 contributions of Dr. Raymond Green and his staff, and congratulates the newest class of  
14 the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

15           ➔Section 2. The Senate acknowledges the profound place Central High School  
16 has in the civil rights movement in the city of Louisville and in this Commonwealth.

17           ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Central  
18 High School.

19           ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
20 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.