

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing President Tori Murden McClure of Spalding
2 University on the occasion of her retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Tori Murden McClure has been the President of Spalding University
4 in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, since 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
6 was certified as the world's first compassionate university; and

7 WHEREAS, Tori Murden McClure is a former Board Chair of the National
8 Outdoor Leadership School and former Vice Chair and Interim Chair of the NCAA
9 Board of Governors, the top governing body in collegiate athletics; and

10 WHEREAS, during her career, she has also worked as a chaplain at a Boston
11 hospital, the director of a Louisville women's shelter, a policy assistant in the Louisville
12 Mayor's Office, and the first full-time employee of the Muhammad Ali Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Tori Murden McClure is best-known as the first woman and first
14 American to row a boat solo across the Atlantic Ocean, having accomplished the feat in
15 1999 after 81 days at sea; and

16 WHEREAS, she is the author of "A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in
17 the Middle of the Ocean," which details her life and journey across the Atlantic and is the
18 basis of a stage musical, called "Row," which made its world premiere at the prestigious
19 Williamstown Theatre Festival in Massachusetts in the summer of 2021; and

20 WHEREAS, Tori Murden McClure was also the first woman and first American to
21 ski to the geographic South Pole during a 50-day, 750-mile expedition; and

22 WHEREAS, Tori Murden McClure holds a bachelor's degree from Smith College,
23 a Master of Divinity from Harvard University, a law degree from the University of
24 Louisville, and a Master of Fine Arts in writing from Spalding University;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby join Senator Gerald Neal in
2 applauding the outstanding accomplishments of Tori Murden McClure as an explorer,
3 author, and the President of Spalding University, congratulating her on her retirement,
4 and wishing her good fortune in all future adventures.

5 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
6 Senator Gerald Neal for presentation to Tori Murden McClure.