

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Reed Sheppard, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball for 2023.

2 WHEREAS, on March 19, 2023, at a ceremony in Lexington, Reed Sheppard, a
3 senior guard at North Laurel High School, was named Kentucky's Mr. Basketball for
4 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Reed Sheppard, a 6-foot-2 guard who is the son of former University
6 of Kentucky basketball standouts Jeff Sheppard and Stacey Reed Sheppard, earned the
7 honor through a vote of high school coaches and media members from across the
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Reed Sheppard became the second player from Laurel County to win
10 the Mr. Basketball Award, joining Walt Allen of South Laurel who won the award in
11 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, Reed Sheppard averaged 22.1 points, 8.5 rebounds, 8.5 assists, and 4
13 steals per game for North Laurel, leading the Jaguars to a 25 and 11 record and an
14 appearance in the Boys Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament; and

15 WHEREAS, for the season, Reed Sheppard shot 39.3% from 3-point range and
16 89% from the free-throw line, and finished his career with 3,727 total points after joining
17 the North Laurel varsity team as a seventh-grader; and

18 WHEREAS, Reed Sheppard, who has committed to play college basketball at the
19 University of Kentucky, is ranked by ESPN as the number 21 prospect in the nation in
20 the Class of 2023, and has been selected to play in the prestigious McDonald's High
21 School All-American Game with other top players from around the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, fans across the Commonwealth eagerly anticipate following Reed
23 Sheppard over the course of his college career with the Wildcats; and

24 WHEREAS, Reed Sheppard's talent, drive, and dedication serve as a model for
25 young people across the Commonwealth to strive for greatness in their chosen field, and
26 it is fitting and proper that he be publicly recognized for his numerous accomplishments;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Brandon Storm in
4 congratulating Reed Sheppard upon the occasion of his being named Kentucky's Mr.
5 Basketball for 2023, applauding his many accomplishments over his high school career,
6 and wishing him the best during his career at the University of Kentucky and beyond.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
8 Senator Brandon Storm for presentation to Reed Sheppard.