

A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Barbara Veazey upon the occasion of her retirement as President of West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

WHEREAS, located in the heart of Paducah, West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) is a two-year college serving more than 9,000 students annually. WKCTC has twice been a finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Award, and has been recognized three times by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation for providing strong job training, achieving high completion rates, and providing strong employment opportunities for its graduates; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barbara Veazey was appointed President/CEO of Paducah Community College and West Kentucky Technical College in 2002, and became the first president of WKCTC when the two colleges consolidated in 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Veazey, along with her talented faculty and supporting staff, has helped WKCTC become a premiere, comprehensive community and technical college not only in this Commonwealth, but across the nation. A passionate advocate of community outreach and state-of-the-art job training, Dr. Veazey has overseen such bold initiatives as the Emerging Technology Center, an \$18.5 million undertaking meant to offer training to students in new and emerging industries; the Inland Logistics and Marine Institute, a training and education hub focused on transportation, manufacturing, distribution, and construction in the marine industry; the installation of a multidisciplinary healthcare simulation center; the Commonwealth Middle College, an education center allowing McCracken, Marshall, Graves, and Paducah Tilghman High School students to take courses at WKCTC; a Scholar House for single parents; and the Paducah School of Art and Design, which offers classes in a wide variety of visual art and art history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Veazey has ably led WKCTC into a new century of academic success and enrichment, and it is because of her relentless pursuit of excellence, her unmatched belief in the partnership between the Paducah community and WKCTC, and

her years of steady leadership that this body honors her on this day upon her well-deserved retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Dr. Barbara Veazey upon her retirement as President of West Kentucky Community and Technical College, and offer her best wishes as she moves on to a new and exciting chapter of her life.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dr. Barbara Veazey.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for delivery.