

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Representative Mary Lou Marzian for her commitment
2 and service to the General Assembly upon her retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian has been a progressive, decades-
4 long veteran of the Kentucky General Assembly and a steadfast voice for the 34th House
5 of Representatives District; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian grew up in Louisville as one of
7 eight children in a Catholic family. She learned early on how to get attention with her
8 voice and is known to be persistent, driven, and passionate; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian graduated from the University of
10 Louisville with a Bachelor's degree in nursing and dedicated herself to the nursing
11 profession for 38 years, working at Jewish Hospital and University Hospital in the kidney
12 disease transplant program, helping thousands of patients in their most difficult time; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian is married to Billy and they have a
14 daughter, Nicky; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian began her impressive and
16 remarkable legislative career in 1994, representing District 34 where she has been a fierce
17 and ferocious advocate for the voiceless, the underserved, and the helpless; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian has advocated for reproductive and
19 women's healthcare rights and as only one of five female members of the Democratic
20 House Caucus, beat a path to the Speaker's office on many occasions to sway his mindset;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian led the fight for fairness, including
23 for LGBTQ, racial, and gender equity. She sponsored HB 171, promoting statewide anti-
24 discrimination protections in employment, housing, and public accommodation. She
25 championed labor and the working poor, and stood up for worker's rights and fair wages
26 in every legislative session. She sponsored HCR 17, urging Congress to propose an
27 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish reasonable limits on

1 contributions and expenditures in political campaigns and to prohibit noncitizen
2 contributions and expenditures; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian championed the environmental
4 cause before it was popular. She and her husband frequently take walks and pick up trash
5 and recycling up and down Bardstown Road and in the Highlands neighborhoods in
6 Louisville; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian established and chairs the General
8 Assembly's Green Schools Caucus, a coalition of bipartisan members from the House and
9 Senate to promote a healthy environment conducive to learning while saving energy,
10 resources, and money. She sponsored the Clean Energy Opportunity Act to include
11 efficiency and renewable energy portfolio standards; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian never forgot her nursing profession,
13 legislating on behalf of nurses and nurse practitioners to promote policies and laws to
14 help them provide better healthcare to millions of Kentuckians over the decades; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Representative Mary Lou Marzian participated
16 in numerous organizations including as president of the National Organization for
17 Women, president of the Women's Metropolitan Louisville Political Caucus, and director
18 for the National Organization of Women in Government; and

19 WHEREAS, in her 27 years of service to the House of Representatives,
20 Representative Mary Lou Marzian has served on the Health and Family Services
21 Committee, Judiciary Committee, Labor and Industry Committee, State Government
22 Committee, Local Government Committee, Education Committee, Natural Resources and
23 Energy Committee, and served as vice chair of the Elections, Constitutional
24 Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian has given her time and talent to
26 organizations, causes, and critical social movements, often stepping in to lead the way
27 when there was a gap in leadership. She encouraged others to be better, fight harder, and

1 celebrate louder while endlessly working to do the right thing; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Mary Lou Marzian is a pillar of strength in the face of
3 adversity and perseverance in times of hardship. She is a testament to women in the
4 Commonwealth and her presence in this chamber and in the halls of the Capitol will be
5 missed greatly;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby honor Representative Mary Lou Marzian for
10 her service and commitment to the General Assembly on the occasion of her retirement.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of
12 Representative Mary Lou Marzian.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to the office of Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery.