

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Paducah Police Chief Brandon Barnhill upon being
2 named Police Chief of the Year for 2016 by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of
3 Police.

4 WHEREAS, Paducah Police Chief Brandon Barnhill began his career in 1995 with
5 the Murray Police Department, and transferred to the Paducah Police Department in
6 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Barnhill is a proud graduate of Murray State University and
8 Andrew Jackson University, where he graduated with a Master of Science Degree in
9 Criminal Justice. He also holds certificates from Harvard's Kennedy School of
10 Government, the Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course, the FBI Law
11 Enforcement Executive Development Course, and the Kentucky Department of Criminal
12 Justice Executive Development Program; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Barnhill was appointed to his current role by the Paducah Board
14 of Commissioners in 2013. Early in his tenure, he identified several priorities, among
15 them personnel development, minority recruitment, community relations, and
16 modernizing the Paducah Police Department's research capabilities; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Barnhill has demonstrated extraordinary vision and
18 incomparable leadership as he has gone about addressing these priorities. His
19 accomplishments as chief are many, and they include establishing the Chief's Roundtable
20 Community Forum, where community leaders spend time with the Chief and command
21 staff to discuss local issues; establishment of the Police Foundation of
22 Paducah/McCracken County, a nonprofit that serves to improve the department's ability
23 to address issues related to employee development and education; creation of a support
24 group for department employees and their families; creation of a full-time Crime Analyst,
25 which allows the department to assess crime trends; collaboration with a local church to
26 aid in the development of a mentoring program for at-risk youth; and partnership with
27 Murray State University in the development of the Cultural Leadership Academy, a

1 course designed to improve participants' ability to analyze social issues and improve the
2 understanding of ethical and moral implications related to working with diverse
3 populations; and

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body acknowledge those men and
5 women in this Commonwealth who go beyond what is expected in the name of protecting
6 and bettering their communities. In that spirit, the members hereby congratulate Chief
7 Brandon Barnhill upon being named Police Chief of the Year for 2016, commend his
8 courage and unique vision, and duly thank him for his more than two decades of service
9 to the law enforcement community;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate honor Paducah Police Chief Brandon
14 Barnhill upon being named Police Chief of the Year for 2016 by the Kentucky
15 Association of Chiefs of Police, and grant him best wishes as he continues to lead the
16 men and women of his department.

17 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Chief
18 Brandon Barnhill.

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