

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the 50th anniversary of the merger of Lexington and
2 Fayette County.

3 WHEREAS, the city of Lexington was founded in 1775, and Fayette County was
4 founded in 1780; and

5 WHEREAS, after almost 200 years of prosperity and growth, it was recognized by
6 city leaders that efficiencies could be gained and certain problems minimized if the city
7 and the county worked more closely together; and

8 WHEREAS, the blueprints for merger were drafted by bold and courageous leaders,
9 each of whom had to deal with a myriad of technical concerns arising during the multi-
10 year process; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1972, the voters, by a margin exceeding 70 percent, approved the
12 merger of Lexington and Fayette County and the charter that would dictate how the
13 merged government operated; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1974, the merger became effective, making Lexington-
15 Fayette Urban-County Government the first merged government in Kentucky, with
16 Foster Pettit becoming its first mayor; and

17 WHEREAS, the work of those original leaders, and the leaders following them, has
18 promoted an efficient government while avoiding duplicative services; and

19 WHEREAS, the leadership of Lexington-Fayette Urban-County Government
20 hosted a commemoration of its founding on March 21, 2024;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Senate recognizes the 50th anniversary of the founding of the
25 Lexington-Fayette Urban-County Government and furthermore commends its leadership,
26 both past and present, for providing its citizens with a prosperous, scenic, and history-rich
27 home in which to work and live.

1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
2 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe for presentation to Lexington-Fayette
3 Urban-County Government Mayor Linda Gorton.