

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Richard and Teresa Gilbert, the first ever parents of
2 sisters serving concurrently in the Kentucky General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, Richard and Teresa Gilbert married in 1986; and

4 WHEREAS, they had two biological children, Adrienne Gilbert in 1988 and
5 Courtney Gilbert in 1989; and

6 WHEREAS, Teresa Gilbert grew up on a farm in LaRue County, Kentucky, served
7 13 years in the United States Army, was a strict disciplinarian for her daughters, and
8 taught her daughters to work hard and play later; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Gilbert was a third generation chiropractor in Illinois, whose
10 grandfather was an early pioneer in the field of chiropractic in the 1920s when those who
11 practiced it were persecuted by the medical association to the point of being jailed on a
12 regular basis; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard and Teresa Gilbert chose homeschool as their preferred
14 method of education for their children when Adrienne and Courtney were in elementary
15 school; and

16 WHEREAS, Teresa Gilbert sent Courtney to the TeenPact program at the Kentucky
17 State Capitol in 2007, where Adrienne accompanied her; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Gilbert supported Adrienne's interests in further political and
19 policy engagement and drove her to Frankfort to attend and speak at committee hearings
20 in 2009 and 2010, after which she continued her public service well into her adult years;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Adrienne Gilbert married and moved to Anderson County, Kentucky,
23 in 2015, and Courtney Gilbert has remained in LaRue County, Kentucky, where the
24 sisters grew up; and

25 WHEREAS, Adrienne was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 2020, when the late
26 Governor Julian Carroll retired, leaving an open seat in Kentucky's 7th Senate District;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, Courtney Gilbert was elected to the Kentucky House of
2 Representatives in 2024, in a special election, when Representative Brandon Reed
3 resigned, creating a vacant seat in Kentucky's 24th House District; and

4 WHEREAS, Adrienne Southworth and Courtney Gilbert are part of the small, but
5 elite group of Kentucky women who have served in the General Assembly. Since
6 Kentucky's entrance into statehood in 1792, only 113 women have served in the House of
7 Representatives and only 27 have served in the Senate; and

8 WHEREAS, Adrienne Southworth and Courtney Gilbert are the first sisters to serve
9 in the Kentucky General Assembly, and among one of the first set of sisters in the
10 country to serve concurrently. The only other documented sisters to have served in other
11 legislatures concurrently are a set of sisters in California and another in Congress;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 ➔Section 1. The Senate recognizes Richard and Teresa Gilbert for their
16 dedication to parenting their daughters and continuing to engage in their life endeavors.

17 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby thanks Richard and Teresa Gilbert for their years
18 of contributions which have harvested into an historic moment of public service by both
19 daughters, Adrienne Southworth and Courtney Gilbert, as members of the State Senate
20 and House of Representatives, respectively, serving together in the 2024 General
21 Assembly.

22 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is direct to transmit a copy of this Resolution
23 to Senator Adrienne Southworth and Representative Courtney Gilbert.