

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to honor Sarah Mills,
2 2017 Kentucky Middle School Teacher of the Year.

3 WHEREAS, in October 2016, the Kentucky Department of Education named Sarah
4 Mills as their 2017 Kentucky Middle School Teacher of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Sarah Mills is an educator at Eastside Middle School in Mt.
6 Washington where Mills teaches 7th grade science; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarah Mills had three "model teachers" in her family. Her mother, her
8 aunt, and her late grandmother were all educators, and at an early age, Mills aspired to
9 follow in their footsteps; and

10 WHEREAS, to reach her goal, Sarah Mills attended Western Kentucky University
11 where she obtained a bachelor's degree and Spalding University where she obtained a
12 master's degree; and

13 WHEREAS, Sarah Mills' dedication to education can be seen in her roles as a team
14 leader, a classroom observation host and job shadow mentor for high school and college
15 students; a school-based decision making council member; a host for the Bullitt County
16 schools' lab classroom initiative; and a member of the Kentucky and National Science
17 Teachers associations; and

18 WHEREAS, Sarah Mills believes that collaboration with other teachers, whether in
19 the same school or beyond, helps ensure that the best possible lessons are being
20 implemented; and

21 WHEREAS, Sarah Mills' success in education may be a result of her humbleness.
22 According to Sarah Mills, "it's important to be professional and vulnerable enough to
23 open up your classroom for observation and embrace critical feedback as a learning tool
24 that will improve overall performance";

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Sarah Mills

1 by placing signs in Bullitt County, on Kentucky Route 44 in front of Eastside Middle
2 School and on Kentucky Route 44 near its intersection with Interstate 65, that read
3 "Home of Sarah Mills, 2017 Kentucky Middle School Teacher of the Year." The signs
4 shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in
5 place for at least one year from the date of their placement.