

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the 150th anniversary of Central High School.

2 WHEREAS, the institution that became Central High School was recognized as the
3 first public school for African Americans in Louisville and was initially funded by
4 African American property taxes only; and

5 WHEREAS, on October 7, 1873, the school's first building was dedicated and
6 initially named the Central Colored School; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1882, high school grades were added to the institution and it was
8 called Central Colored High School; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1945, the name was officially changed to Central High School; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1952, after growing and moving locations several times, Central
11 High School moved to its current location at 1130 West Chestnut Street, and was the
12 largest high school in the state for African Americans, with 1,400 students and 57 faculty
13 members; and

14 WHEREAS, until 1975, when court-ordered busing began, Central High School
15 was the only predominately African American public high school in Louisville; and

16 WHEREAS, today Central High School is called the Central High School Career
17 Magnet Academy and offers a pre-college curriculum featuring over 11 career magnets;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, over the past 150 years, Central High School's tradition of greatness
20 and firsts includes being not only the first public school for African Americans in
21 Louisville, but also the first to desegregate athletics in Kentucky, and the first high school
22 to adopt a career magnet and Montessori program;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
25 ***Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and celebrates the 150th anniversary
27 of Central High School and honors its rich history and legacy as the first public high

1 school for African Americans in Louisville.

2 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

3 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal.