

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Charles R. Blackmar Jr. upon his retirement as Chief of
2 Police of Augusta, Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. is a 1978 graduate of Pilgrim High School in
4 Warwick, Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. studied Administration of Justice at Roger
6 Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1993; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. found his calling in public service when he
8 enlisted in the United States Army in 1978 and became a member of the Military Police
9 shortly thereafter, eventually becoming commander of his military criminal investigation
10 unit; and

11 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. joined the Warren, Rhode Island, Police
12 Department as a Patrol Officer in 1983 and served as an officer of various other police
13 departments throughout his career; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. achieved the rank of sergeant in the large
15 police department and later worked as a federal special agent in counter-terrorism efforts;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. began work as an officer with the Augusta
18 Police Department in Kentucky on August 28, 2018, bringing with him his expertise in
19 drug enforcement and criminal investigation; and

20 WHEREAS, drug-related arrests in Augusta increased more than 460 percent
21 between 2018 and 2019 after Charles R. Blackmar Jr. joined the department; and

22 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. was named Augusta Chief of Police on May
23 20, 2020; and

24 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. worked tirelessly as Chief of Police to
25 enhance community partnerships, promote citizenship through community education, and
26 keep Augusta a great place to live, work, and visit; and

27 WHEREAS, Charles R. Blackmar Jr. retired after an exceptional career in which he

1 had a strong, positive impact on the lives of people across the country and most notably,
2 the citizens of Augusta, Kentucky;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and congratulates Charles R. Blackmar
7 Jr. on his retirement after his years of service to his community and to this
8 Commonwealth.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer for presentation to Charles R. Blackmar
11 Jr.