

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the extraordinary service of Senator Whitney H.
2 Westerfield to the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon the occasion of his retirement from
3 the General Assembly.

4 WHEREAS, born on November 29, 1980, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and a lifelong
5 resident of Christian County being raised with five brothers, Senator Whitney H.
6 Westerfield is known for his integrity and relentless work to protect unborn life,
7 strengthen families, create an environment for job growth, reduce income taxes, and
8 improve public safety through changes to strengthen the criminal justice system for both
9 offenders and victims; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield graduated from Christian County
11 High School in 1999, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communications from the
12 University of Kentucky in 2003, and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Southern
13 Illinois University School of Law in 2006; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield has been an active member of the
15 Kentucky Bar Association since 2006 and the Tennessee Bar Association since 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield and his wife Amanda are the proud
17 parents of two precious children whom he fiercely loves and who mean more to him than
18 words can express; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield was first elected to the Kentucky
20 Senate in 2012 to represent the citizens of Senate District 3 comprising Christian, Todd,
21 and Logan counties, and presently comprising Caldwell, Christian, and Muhlenberg
22 counties; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield began his tenure as Chair of the
24 Senate Judiciary Committee on January 9, 2013, and continues to serve with distinction
25 in that position today; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield was appointed Co-Chair of the
27 Unified Juvenile Code Task Force on April 24, 2013; and

1 WHEREAS, during the 2014 Regular Session of the General Assembly, Senator
2 Whitney H. Westerfield sponsored Senate Bill 200, reflecting the work of the Unified
3 Juvenile Code Task Force and bringing about the largest reform to Kentucky's juvenile
4 justice system in 30 years, serving as a beacon for other states to follow in the years that
5 followed; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield has continued his commitment to
7 juvenile justice reform throughout his time in the Kentucky Senate, serving as Co-Chair
8 of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council since its creation in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, during the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly, Senator
10 Whitney H. Westerfield co-sponsored Senate Bill 192 relating to substance abuse
11 treatment, creating necessary offenses and penalties to respond to criminal behavior, and
12 establishing an evidence-based task force relating to addiction; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield served as a member of the
14 Implementation Oversight Committee for Senate Bill 192 following its enactment from
15 June 2015 through April 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield continued his compassionate
17 commitment to address issues associated with substance abuse by sponsoring and
18 securing the passage of Senate Bill 90 during the 2022 Regular Session of the General
19 Assembly, establishing a pilot project in numerous counties to provide treatment in lieu
20 of incarceration upon meeting certain requirements; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield, a stalwart advocate for the rights of
22 victims, sponsored Senate Bill 15 during the 2020 Regular Session of the General
23 Assembly proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky enshrining
24 fundamental rights for crime victims, a proposal resoundingly approved by the voters of
25 this Commonwealth; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield served as Vice Chair of the Senate
27 Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee from 2013 to 2014, Co-

1 Chair of the Jail and Corrections Reform Task Force in 2020, and has faithfully served as
2 a member of many other committees, caucuses, and task forces, including his current
3 service as a member of the Commission on Race & Access to Opportunity, the
4 Agriculture Committee, the Natural Resources and Energy Committee, the Families and
5 Children Committee, and the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection
6 Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, in January 2021, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield was named as
8 national Co-Chairman of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Law, Criminal
9 Justice, and Public Safety Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield has been a featured speaker and panel
11 participant at numerous legislative and professional conferences not only across the
12 United States, but throughout the world; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his legislative responsibilities, Senator Whitney H.
14 Westerfield served for over five years as an Assistant Commonwealth's attorney and has
15 maintained a private law practice serving clients throughout Western Kentucky; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield provided additional service to his
17 community as a member of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors from 2008 to
18 2012, including a term as Secretary, and as a member of the Kiwanis Club of
19 Hopkinsville since 2007, serving on the Board of Directors and as chair of the Kiwanis
20 Club Soap Box Derby Committee for 2008 and 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield also served on the Hopkinsville
22 American Red Cross Advisory Committee and on the Board for the United Way of the
23 Pennyrile, as well as formerly serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the
24 Kentucky Association of Child Advocacy Centers; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield has provided members of this
26 Chamber and all residents of Kentucky with a stunning array of views of the Kentucky
27 State Capitol campus and other areas of this Commonwealth through Flightdubs drone

1 footage; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield, a man of strong Christian faith,
3 embodies the teachings of his faith and serves as an example of compassion, commitment
4 to public service, and perseverance in pursuit of the greater good; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield, during his service in the General
6 Assembly, has secured legislative reforms that will protect and advance the future of the
7 citizens of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Whitney H. Westerfield has had a profound and long-lasting
9 impact on his colleagues and all who have had the pleasure to work and serve with him,
10 and is rightfully honored on this day for his exceptional service to this Commonwealth as
11 a member of the Kentucky Senate;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate does hereby honor the extraordinary service of
16 Senator Whitney H. Westerfield to the General Assembly and the Commonwealth of
17 Kentucky and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

18 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the
19 extraordinary service of Senator Whitney H. Westerfield to the Commonwealth of
20 Kentucky and the General Assembly.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery to Senator Whitney H. Westerfield.