

1           A RESOLUTION honoring United States Senator Mitch McConnell upon the  
2 occasion of his becoming the longest-serving Senate Party Leader in American history.

3           WHEREAS, Addison Mitchell McConnell III was born on February 20, 1942, to  
4 Julia Odene and Addison Mitchell "A.M." McConnell II in Sheffield, Alabama, and grew  
5 up in nearby Athens, Alabama; and

6           WHEREAS, in 1956, Mitch McConnell's family moved to Louisville, Kentucky,  
7 where he attended duPont Manual High School, and was elected student council  
8 president during his junior year; and

9           WHEREAS, in 1964, Mitch McConnell graduated Omicron Delta Kappa from the  
10 University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Arts in political science with honors, during  
11 which time he was president of the Student Council of the College of Arts and Sciences  
12 and a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity; and

13           WHEREAS, after interning with Senator John Sherman Cooper, an experience  
14 which would inspire him to later run for the Senate, Mitch McConnell graduated from the  
15 University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was president of the Student Bar  
16 Association; and

17           WHEREAS, after serving as chief legislative assistant to Senator Marlow Cook,  
18 practicing law, and serving with the United States Department of Justice, Mitch  
19 McConnell was elected Jefferson County Judge/Executive in 1977, defeating the  
20 incumbent, and was re-elected in 1981; and

21           WHEREAS, in 1984, Mitch McConnell was elected to the United States Senate,  
22 making history as the only Republican challenger in the country to defeat an incumbent  
23 Democrat that year, and as the first Republican to win a statewide Kentucky race since  
24 1968; and

25           WHEREAS, in 2020, Mitch McConnell was re-elected to a record seventh term in  
26 the Senate, winning 117 of the Commonwealth's 120 counties, and becoming Kentucky's  
27 longest-serving United States Senator; and

1           WHEREAS, Mitch McConnell served in leadership as the Majority Whip in the  
2 108th and 109th Congresses and as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial  
3 Committee during the 1998 and 2000 election cycles; and

4           WHEREAS, Mitch McConnell is the Senate Republican Leader, and on January 3,  
5 2023, he became the longest-serving Senate Party Leader in history, having recently been  
6 elected to lead the Republican conference for the ninth time since 2006; and

7           WHEREAS, from 2015 to 2021, Mitch McConnell served as Senate Majority  
8 Leader, joining Vice President Alben Barkley as the only Kentuckians to ever be  
9 Majority Leader of the United States Senate; and

10           WHEREAS, Mitch McConnell's imprint on the United States Senate is indelible  
11 and obvious, as he has been called "the most important Republican since Ronald  
12 Reagan," with one veteran political commentator opining that he was "most effective  
13 floor leader in either party I've ever seen"; and

14           WHEREAS, TIME Magazine twice named McConnell one of the 100 Most  
15 Influential People in the World; and

16           WHEREAS, Mitch McConnell led a transformation of the federal judiciary,  
17 confirming three Supreme Court Justices during his tenure as Majority Leader and, in  
18 four years, prioritizing the confirmation of 30 percent of circuit court judges nationwide,  
19 and a total of 234 lifetime appointments to the federal bench; and

20           WHEREAS, Mitch McConnell currently serves as a senior member of the  
21 Appropriations, Agriculture, and Rules Committees; and

22           WHEREAS, Mitch McConnell, the proud father of three daughters, is married to  
23 Secretary Elaine L. Chao, who previously served as the 18th United States Secretary of  
24 Transportation, Secretary of Labor, president of the United Way of America, and director  
25 of the Peace Corps; and

26           WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Kentucky Senate honor Mitch  
27 McConnell for his unmatched history of leadership in the United States Senate, his

1 dedication to his constituents, and his tireless efforts to make the Commonwealth and our  
2 nation a better place;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively, do  
7 hereby congratulate Senator Mitch McConnell upon the occasion of his becoming the  
8 longest-serving Senate Party Leader in American history, applaud his many  
9 accomplishments in that august body, and offer sincere thanks for his decades of hard  
10 work for the Commonwealth and this great nation.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Senator  
12 Mitch McConnell.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this  
14 Resolution to Senate President Robert Stivers for presentation to Senator Mitch  
15 McConnell.