

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the 40th anniversary of the Kentucky Center for the  
2 Performing Arts.

3           WHEREAS, in 1980 the Kentucky General Assembly and Governor John Y.  
4 Brown established a major public/private partnership to create the Kentucky Center for  
5 the Performing Arts; and

6           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts was established to  
7 promote state culture and tourism, provide a home for Louisville's prominent art groups,  
8 and enable citizens to see renowned works of international and domestic artists; and

9           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for Performing Arts officially opened its doors  
10 on November 19, 1983, with a gala event that included Charlton Heston, Diane Sawyer,  
11 Lily Tomlin, Jessye Norman, and Douglas Fairbanks Jr; and

12           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts has garnered national  
13 recognition for hosting events such as the 1984 presidential debate between Ronald  
14 Reagan and Walter Mondale, the Lonesome Pine Special Series that aired on the Public  
15 Broadcasting Service, and many live Broadway performances; and

16           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts is an iconic venue of the  
17 Commonwealth, located in the heart of Louisville's downtown arts and cultural district,  
18 drawing more than 350,000 visitors annually; and

19           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts brings in millions of  
20 dollars to the local and state economy annually; and

21           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts has a stellar reputation  
22 among touring artists and large-scale productions due to its impressive amenities and  
23 boisterous rehearsal halls, theaters, and backstage areas; and

24           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts is committed to housing  
25 and expressing artistic talent from around the state, the nation, and abroad, to educate,  
26 entertain, and inspire the people of Kentucky;

27           NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes and celebrates the  
4 40th anniversary of the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts and its contributions to  
5 the arts and humanities community in Louisville and the Commonwealth.

6       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to  
7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Jason Nemes.