

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the recipients of the AT&T John "Bam" Carney
2 Scholarship.

3 WHEREAS, AT&T created and launched AT&T Connected Learning to invest in
4 connectivity and technology, digital literacy, and education solutions to help today's
5 learners succeed inside and outside the classroom. Since 2008, AT&T has committed
6 more than \$600 million to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states and
7 throughout the world, particularly those in underserved communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national nonprofit
9 organization dedicated to supporting young people of great promise who face significant
10 challenges and help them reach economic and academic success. The JAG Kentucky
11 graduating class of 2020 achieved an 87 percent success rate, having students enrolled in
12 postsecondary education, employed, military or a combination of the three within 12
13 months after they graduated from high school; and

14 WHEREAS, Majority Floor Leader John "Bam" Carney of Campbellsville
15 represented his Taylor County district in the Kentucky House of Representatives for 12
16 years. Floor Leader Carney was a Kentucky educator and statesman who worked hard to
17 improve educational opportunity for all of Kentucky's children. John "Bam" Carney loved
18 education, and he helped establish a JAG Kentucky program at Taylor County High
19 School; and

20 WHEREAS, in February 2022, AT&T donated \$100,000 to create the John "Bam"
21 Carney Scholarship fund administered through the JAG Kentucky organization. The
22 scholarship fund was established to recognize a commitment to lifelong learning, with the
23 goal of leading more students to study education, become educators, and potentially
24 follow in the footsteps of Floor Leader Carney. Naming it in memory of John "Bam"
25 Carney was a way to honor a seemingly ordinary man who demonstrated extraordinary
26 commitment, drive, and devotion improving the quality of life for future generations of
27 Kentuckians through education. His legacy will live on through this scholarship and

1 through the success of the scholarship recipients; and

2 WHEREAS, the scholarship will offer financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000
3 for each of 10 Kentucky residents to pursue a degree in education and attend an in-state
4 college or university of their choice. Scholarship applicants will be selected on criteria
5 that includes but are not limited to educational achievement in high school,
6 extracurricular activities, civic engagement, and financial need; and

7 WHEREAS, the scholarship will be a four-year commitment of an annual allocation
8 of \$2,500, to be used for books, tuition, or housing. The scholarship shall be renewed
9 annually if the student maintains his or her full-time educational status and a grade point
10 average of 3.0; and

11 WHEREAS, the first AT&T John "Bam" Carney Scholarship recipients are four
12 students who have excelled in school and helped make their communities a better place to
13 live, much like the late John "Bam" Carney did. As these students continue to pursue their
14 education and careers, they will carry on his legacy, including his love of education and
15 family above all things; and

16 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wants to recognize and thank AT&T for
17 establishing the John "Bam" Carney Scholarship in the amount of \$100,000, allowing
18 JAG Kentucky students the opportunity to further their postsecondary education; and

19 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives congratulates and honors Brooklyn
20 Brock from Bell County High School, Erik Layne Bruner from Barbourville High School,
21 Allicen Grayson from Martin County High School, and Hannah Muncy from Martin
22 County High School;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor the
27 recipients of the AT&T John "Bam" Carney Scholarship and encourage their path

1 forward in education.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 honor of Brooklyn Brock, Erik Layne Bruner, Allicen Grayson, and Hannah Muncy and
4 wishes them well in beginning their postsecondary education and potential careers in the
5 field of education.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to Speaker David Osborne for delivery.