

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Binet School and Dr. Trisha  
2 Hernandez Gallagher.

3           WHEREAS, Binet School, located in the Jefferson County school district, serves  
4 students who have a combination of disabilities that can result in significant learning,  
5 developmental, or behavioral problems; and

6           WHEREAS, Binet School provides successful learning experiences through a  
7 highly structured and supportive environment; and

8           WHEREAS, Binet School strives to empower students to reach their full academic,  
9 social, behavioral, and functional potential to enable them to meaningfully participate in  
10 traditional schools and the community; and

11          WHEREAS, Binet School serves students with a wide range of disabilities,  
12 including autism spectrum disorder, which impacts 60 percent of its students; and

13          WHEREAS, Dr. Trisha Hernandez Gallagher, principal of Binet School, took the  
14 helm of the school on April 5, 2021, bringing a wealth of experience after working in  
15 special education for over 25 years, including working with students with autism  
16 spectrum disorder and their families for over 21 years; and

17          WHEREAS, Dr. Gallagher worked for 12 years in Jefferson County Public Schools  
18 as an autism itinerant teacher and autism program specialist and three years as the due  
19 process manager for the district's Exceptional Child Education Department before being  
20 named principal of Binet School; and

21          WHEREAS, Dr. Gallagher, as a member of the state autism team, assisted in the  
22 development of the Kentucky Family Guide for Autism, coordinated the first model  
23 classrooms for Kentucky's partnership with the National Professional Development  
24 Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders, and contributed to the development of the  
25 Kentucky Department of Education's guidance document for autism; and

26          WHEREAS, Dr. Gallagher's experience, knowledge, and leadership provide  
27 invaluable contributions to ensuring that Binet School students are successful beyond

1 their time at the school;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes and commends the  
6 Binet School for the services it provides to teach students with disabilities skills that  
7 allow them to succeed in school and beyond.

8 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes and commends Dr.  
9 Trisha Hernandez Gallagher for her work and contributions to the special education field  
10 and for her first year of distinguished leadership at the Binet School.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
12 copy of this Resolution to Representative Ken Fleming.