

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the ground-breaking service of Ananias Lorenzo
2 Garvin, the first African-American hired by the University of Kentucky Agricultural
3 Extension Service.

4 WHEREAS, Ananias Lorenzo Garvin, born in 1874 in Hart County, was hired in
5 July 1918 as an emergency assistant county agent for Mercer County with a one-year
6 contract; and

7 WHEREAS, with that hiring, Mr. Garvin became the first African-American to
8 serve as a University of Kentucky agricultural extension agent; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Garvin's duties as an agricultural extension agent were to
10 encourage African-Americans to farm during and immediately following World War I;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, even though he initially had a one-year contract, Mr. Garvin continued
13 in the position for two years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Garvin and his wife, Effie, were teachers in the former segregated
15 public school in Harrodsburg. Mr. Garvin served as principal from 1903 to 1920, with his
16 duties overlapping late in his tenure with his position as an extension agent; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1920, the couple moved to Louisville where Mr. Garvin worked as
18 director of agents for the Standard Life Insurance Company; and

19 WHEREAS, in the early 1940s, education beckoned Ananias Lorenzo Garvin again,
20 that time to the Jefferson County School District where he eventually served as a
21 principal of the Newburg and Orell Schools in Jefferson County; and

22 WHEREAS, Ananias Lorenzo Garvin died in May 1952 and was buried at Cove
23 Haven Cemetery in Lexington; and

24 WHEREAS, during a Martin Luther King Jr. event recently, it was noted that Mr.
25 Garvin was a prominent figure in the Mercer County community even before he was
26 hired to do extension work; and

27 WHEREAS, as this state celebrates Black History Month, it is appropriate that

1 recognition is bestowed on a man who impacted youth and promoted positive change in
2 the Mercer County community and elsewhere;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
7 honor of Ananias Lorenzo Garvin and in recognition of his service as the first African-
8 American hired by the University of Kentucky Agricultural Extension Service.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
10 copy of this Resolution to Representative Kim King for delivery.