

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the students who wrote the book *No Single Sparrow*  
2 *Makes a Summer* produced by the Louisville Story Program.

3           WHEREAS, every day across this Commonwealth, Kentucky's public school  
4 students make strides toward becoming tomorrow's leaders, thinkers, policy makers, and  
5 artists; and

6           WHEREAS, nowhere is this more true than in the Jefferson County Public School  
7 System, which boasts an array of projects and initiatives that shine a light on some of  
8 Kentucky's most gifted and creative young people; and

9           WHEREAS, in December 2016, Iroquois High School students Narjis Alsaadi,  
10 Yennifer Coca, Hafsa Jama, Atalya Lawler, Katherin Socias, A'lea Marie Smith, Autumn  
11 Wilson, Maria Zaminkhan, and Mehwish Zaminkhan were chosen to be part of the latest  
12 project from the Louisville Story Program, an initiative that helps Louisvillians tell their  
13 life stories; and

14           WHEREAS, each of these students participated in Louisville Story Program's  
15 writing and oral history projects through the 2017-2018 school year, and the culmination  
16 of this work was the students' book, *No Single Sparrow Makes a Summer*, which  
17 illustrates people and their communities in Louisville that have not been chronicled  
18 before; and

19           WHEREAS, in their book, the students write about the ravages of war, life before  
20 and after moving to Louisville as refugees and immigrants, the foster care system,  
21 juvenile detention, motherhood, misconceptions about their neighborhoods, and many  
22 other pressing issues in the students' lives; and

23           WHEREAS, *No Single Sparrow Makes a Summer* was officially launched in  
24 October 2018 at Spalding University in Louisville; and

25           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body commend these students on this day,  
26 and in so doing thank the Louisville Story Program and Iroquois High School for  
27 allowing the students to have the outlet to tell these vital, consequential stories to the

1 world;

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 members of the House of Representatives hereby commend  
6 Narjis Alsaadi, Yennifer Coca, Hafsa Jama, Atalya Lawler, Katherin Socias, A'lea Marie  
7 Smith, Autumn Wilson, Maria Zaminkhan, and Mehwish Zaminkhan for the publication  
8 of their book *No Single Sparrow Makes a Summer*, and duly honor these students, their  
9 teachers, and the Louisville Story Program for their hard work on this project.

10 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
11 copy of this Resolution to Representative McKenzie Cantrell for delivery.