

A RESOLUTION honoring Wilmore Mayor Harold Rainwater as the longest-serving mayor in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Harold Rainwater has diligently and ably served the people of Wilmore, Kentucky, as the town's mayor; and

WHEREAS, leaning on the principles taught to him by his father, Mayor Rainwater strives to make sure each member of his city council feels special and a part of the vitality of the town as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rainwater, who is the director of the Asbury University Equine Center, has been a member of the university's faculty for 45 years. Beginning his political career as a member of the Jaycees in his early twenties, Mayor Rainwater began his public service through the improvement of a small city park. From there he became involved with the city council, and eventually took over when the previous mayor, Dr. Joe Thacker, developed health problems; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mayor Rainwater has, in his words, "added all the components that make a town a town." With 31 full-time employees, a volunteer fire department, a police chief, and an assistant chief, the town of Wilmore is thriving and has become a shining example of civic pride and community togetherness to all other small towns in this great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rainwater, aside from his civic duties in Wilmore, is a proud member of the board of directors for the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky River Authority, and the Bluegrass Area Development District; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully commends Mayor Harold Rainwater on this day for what he done and continues to do for the city of Wilmore. In so doing, the body also acknowledges his distinction as the longest-serving mayor in this Commonwealth, and grants him best wishes as he continues to serve Wilmore and the people who have benefited from his four decades of unwavering leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Wilmore Mayor Harold Rainwater as the longest-serving mayor in Kentucky, and wish him the best of luck as he leads Wilmore into a new era of prosperity and growth.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Wilmore Mayor Harold Rainwater.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Kim King for delivery.