

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Representative Jody Richards upon his retirement from  
2 the House of Representatives.

3           WHEREAS, Representative Jody Richards was born on February 20, 1938. A  
4 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College and the University of Missouri, he is a veteran of  
5 the United States Army Reserve; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Richards was a professor at Western Kentucky  
7 University when he was elected for his first term in the Kentucky House of  
8 Representatives in 1975. During his more than four decades of service to this body, he  
9 has worked diligently to honor the best interests of his district and to improve the quality  
10 of life of all Kentuckians; and

11           WHEREAS, in 1987 Representative Richards was chosen by Democratic leadership  
12 to serve as Majority Caucus Chairman, and in 1995 he was elected as Speaker of the  
13 House. The longest-serving Speaker in Kentucky history, he proudly led the House for 14  
14 years. He has served on the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, the Education  
15 Committee, and the State Government Committee, as well as on a number of interim  
16 committees; and

17           WHEREAS, Representative Richards is a staple of the Bowling Green community.  
18 The former owner of Superior Books, he is a longtime member of the Greenwood Park  
19 Church of Christ and the Bowling Green/Warren County Jaycees, which he served as  
20 president; and

21           WHEREAS, Representative Jody Richards is rightfully honored on this day for his  
22 service to this Commonwealth as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives.  
23 His tireless work on behalf of his constituents, particularly his tenure of Speaker of the  
24 House, is justly acknowledged by the members of this body, and for his 42 years of  
25 service as a legislator, for the countless hours he spent working on behalf of his district,  
26 and for his achievements as a human being of the first order, he is hereby commended  
27 and granted best wishes as he begins a new chapter of his life;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,  
2    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
3    *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4           ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby salute the  
5 Gentleman from Warren 20, Representative Jody Richards; express their sincere  
6 appreciation for his service to his community, the General Assembly, and the  
7 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and wish him Godspeed as he awaits new and exciting  
8 challenges.

9           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
10 honor of Representative Jody Richards.

11          ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
12 copy of this Resolution to Representative Rocky Adkins for delivery.