

A RESOLUTION honoring Makayla Epps.

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2012, Makayla Epps of Marion County High School committed to the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of her father, UK men's legend Anthony Epps, Makayla quickly earned a reputation in the Southeastern Conference as a powerful guard with a fearless demeanor on the court and a high basketball IQ. Averaging 4.6 points as a freshman, she improved all facets of her game as a sophomore and was named first-team All-SEC by the league's coaches and the Associated Press. She would finish the season as the third-highest scorer as a sophomore in school history, and on February 2, 2015, she would score 42 points in a thrilling win over Mississippi State; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, Makayla Epps averaged 17.1 points a game, 4.8 rebounds, and amassed 143 assists to help lead the Wildcats to a 25-8 record and another berth in the NCAA Tournament. For her extraordinary season, she was named an honorable mention All-American by both the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the Associated Press. Kentucky would fall in the Sweet Sixteen to a hot-shooting University of Washington team, but the foundation of excellence Ms. Epps and her teammates have helped instill has positioned UK for yet another exemplary season in 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body recognize the accomplishments of those athletes in this Commonwealth who go beyond their sport to inspire all Kentuckians. For her outstanding career at Marion County High School, for all her success so far at the University of Kentucky, and for growing both as a basketball player and a person during her collegiate career, this body commends Makayla Epps for being one of the most decorated student-athletes in this state and wishes her the best of luck as she continues to prepare for her senior season;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives honors Makayla Epps and thanks her for what she has done on behalf of the University of Kentucky women's basketball team.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Makayla Epps.

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