

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Richmond Mayor Rev. Robert Blythe.

2 WHEREAS, Rev. Robert Blythe is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of  
3 Richmond; and

4 WHEREAS, after being called to the ministry at age 30, Rev. Blythe has led his  
5 congregation with the utmost wisdom, compassion, and leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Blythe served on the Richmond City Commission for 16 years,  
7 and, in 2018, was elected Mayor of Richmond; and

8 WHEREAS, Rev. Blythe is Richmond's first African-American mayor; and

9 WHEREAS, Rev. Blythe, who ran on a platform of keeping Richmond clean and  
10 safe, has also vowed to make sure seniors and children fit in with those objectives; and

11 WHEREAS, Rev. Blythe is a firm believer that religion and politics are compatible,  
12 and has promised to bring his Christian ideals into his role as Mayor; and

13 WHEREAS, it is rightful that this honorable body commend those elected officials  
14 who have not only taken up the mantle of public service with courage and the utmost  
15 hope for their communities, but also have broken through racial barriers to stand as  
16 shining examples to other Kentuckians who might seek public office; and

17 WHEREAS, Rev. Robert Blythe is one such Kentuckian, and on this day all in this  
18 body grant him very best wishes as he begins his tenure as the Mayor of Richmond, and  
19 duly thank him for all he has done on behalf of his congregants and the citizens he has  
20 been elected to serve;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby congratulate  
25 Rev. Robert Blythe, and commend him for his contributions to this Commonwealth's  
26 faith community as well as grant him very best wishes as he begins his service as the  
27 Mayor of Richmond, Kentucky.

1           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
2 honor of Rev. Robert Blythe.

3           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
4 copy of this Resolution to Representative Deanna Frazier.