

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program and  
2 recognizing March 5, 2021, as Dress in Blue Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program is one of the  
4 Commonwealth's most successful public health programs; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky's overall colorectal screening rate has now improved more  
6 than any other state in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Kentucky General Assembly, screening rates  
8 have risen from 34.7 percent to 70.1 percent, improving more than any other state and  
9 moving Kentucky's ranking from 49th to 17th; and

10 WHEREAS, as screening rates have risen by 50 percent, colorectal cancer incidence  
11 rates and mortality rates have declined. This decrease in incidence means that every year,  
12 30 percent fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with colon cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program, and the collective  
14 efforts of multiple partners working together, is proving to be life-saving for Kentuckians;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, National Dress in Blue Day was launched in 2009 to bring awareness  
17 and national attention to colon cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 13th annual Dress in Blue Day, and this body honors  
19 those volunteers, advocates, and survivors who have worked so diligently to make this  
20 year's Dress in Blue Day a success;

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 House of Representatives hereby honors the Kentucky Colon  
25 Cancer Screening Program.

26 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes March 5, 2021, as  
27 Dress in Blue Day.

- 1           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 2 copy of this Resolution to Representative Melinda Gibbons Prunty.