

1 A RESOLUTION honoring The Honorable Beverly Denise Chester-Burton, Ed.S.

2 WHEREAS, a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Beverly Denise Chester-Burton
3 attended the University of Louisville, Spalding University, and Western Kentucky
4 University. She holds an education specialist degree, a master's in teaching K-12, a
5 master's in counseling and psychology, and a bachelor's in communication; and

6 WHEREAS, Beverly Denise Chester-Burton is a teacher and education consultant
7 who serves as a social justice and women's leadership trainer for the National Education
8 Association. She is the NEA's Mid-Atlantic Women's Caucus Chair, representing
9 Kentucky and six other states as well as the District of Columbia; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2006, Beverly Denise Chester-Burton was elected as the first
11 African American to serve on the Shively City Council. In 2016 she started the LEAP
12 (Leaders Engaging Actively in Politics) Program, and in 2018 she was elected as the first
13 African American Mayor of Shively; and

14 WHEREAS, Beverly Denise Chester-Burton has received several awards and
15 commendations for her community involvement, including the George Burney
16 Humanitarian Award and the District C-Commissioner's Active Citizen Award; she was
17 named a YMCA Black Achiever and a Secretary of State Commonwealth Ambassador;
18 and she was part of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racial and Political Oppression; and

19 WHEREAS, Beverly Denise Chester-Burton's professional and community
20 involvement includes membership on the Jefferson County League of Cities Board of
21 Directors, the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency Board of
22 Directors, the Louisville Metro Parks Commission, the Jefferson County Teachers
23 Association Board of Directors, the Kentucky Education Association Board of Directors,
24 the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, the Jefferson County Governance
25 Task Force, among many other committees and civic bodies; and

26 WHEREAS, this august body duly commends The Honorable Beverly Denise
27 Chester-Burton on this day, acknowledges her profound contributions to the field of

1 education, and grants her best wishes as she continues her good work as the Mayor of
2 Shively, Kentucky;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor The Honorable Beverly
7 Denise Chester-Burton, Ed.S., and grant her very best wishes in her role as Mayor of
8 Shively.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of The
10 Honorable Beverly Denise Chester-Burton, Ed.S.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.