

A RESOLUTION honoring Boone County Deputy Sheriff Rachel L. Straus.

WHEREAS, Deputy Rachel Straus has served the citizens of Boone County, Kentucky as a Boone County sheriff's deputy since April 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Straus was on duty during the overnight hours of January 27, 2016, when she was dispatched to an injury accident involving three vehicles on North Bend Road near Wright Boulevard in Hebron, Kentucky. One of the vehicles was on fire with the driver pinned inside of it; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Straus and Deputy Justin Ryle arrived simultaneously and, without regard for their own safety, ran to the burning truck with fire extinguishers in hand and attempted to extinguish the fully engulfed vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Deputies Straus and Ryle realized their efforts to smother the fire were in vain, and since the responding Hebron Fire Department was not yet on scene, the trapped driver was certainly at risk of being burned alive; and

WHEREAS, Deputies Straus and Ryle again approached the fiery truck—exposing themselves to danger and comprehending the risk of serious injury or death—and quickly extricated the driver, Michael Puckett, from the vehicle, dragging him to safety in the grassy median, thus saving his life; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Straus acted voluntarily without regard for personal risk of life or limb. That act of bravery was undertaken at a moment of clear and obvious peril, and was clearly above and beyond the call of ordinary duty;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Deputy Rachel L. Straus for her extraordinary courage and for her years of service to the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Deputy

Rachel L. Straus.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator John Schickel for delivery.