

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Central City on the occasion of the 150th
2 anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, situated on the Green River in Muhlenberg County, the community
4 that was established in 1826, originally occupying 200 acres, and now known as Central
5 City was previously known as Morehead's Horse Mill, Stroud City, and Owensboro
6 Junction; and

7 WHEREAS, Central City is well-known for its coal mining history, at one time
8 having 23 mines in operation within or proximate to the city, and leading coal production
9 in the United States in the 1970s; and

10 WHEREAS, Central City served as a nexus for several rail lines, and its depot and
11 passenger train service was active well into the 1960s; and

12 WHEREAS, Central City is renowned for its musical heritage, being home to the
13 Muhlenberg Music Museum featuring Central City's most famous musicians, the Everly
14 Brothers, and other notable performers, including flutist Jim Walker, country and folk
15 music's John Prine, and country music's Merle Travis, all with local connections; and

16 WHEREAS, the Central City High School Marching Band under the direction of
17 Bob Walker also shares in the musical distinction of the city, being known as one of the
18 finest marching bands in the Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, Central City was also the home of Central City High School prior to
20 its closure, which had the distinction of being the winningest high school basketball
21 program in the Commonwealth with over 1,578 victories, 17 Kentucky High School
22 Athletics Association State Sweet Sixteen appearances, 3 semi-final appearances, and a
23 state championship appearance; and

24 WHEREAS, on August 11, 2023, Central City will celebrate the 150th anniversary
25 of its founding;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize Central City on the occasion of the
3 150th anniversary of its founding, and notes its rich history and unique story among the
4 cities of this Commonwealth.

5 ➔Section 2. The Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to
6 Senator Whitney Westerfield for presentation to Mayor Tony Armour, Mayor of Central
7 City.