

A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor of Nell Fookes upon the occasion of her retirement as the head coach of the Boone County High School girls' basketball team.

WHEREAS, after 30 years of dedicated service to the Boone County High School girls' basketball team, Nell Fookes decided to retire; and

WHEREAS, after her graduation from Liberty High School in Virginia, Nell Fookes attended Radford University, where she lettered in basketball for four seasons. She continued to Eastern Kentucky University, where she served as assistant coach for six years. In 1985, she was hired as head girls' basketball coach at Boone County High School, where she has become one of the finest basketball coaches in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Nell Fookes, the Boone County High School girls' basketball team never had a losing season, won more than twenty district titles, nine regional championships, and six regional runners-up, and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen semifinals twice; and

WHEREAS, Nell Fookes earned a career record of 686 wins and 255 losses for a .729 winning percentage, ranking her third on Kentucky's all-time winningest coaches list; and

WHEREAS, Nell Fookes has won 9th Region Coach of the Year awards multiple times, was named Coach of the Decade in the 1990s by the Greater Cincinnati Coaches Association in 2000, and was named as one of the finalists for the Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Directors Association in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Nell Fookes was a 2010 inductee into LaRosa's High School Hall of Fame, and she was also inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Coaches Association Hall of fame and the Northern Kentucky Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, this august body hereby honors Nell Fookes for dedicating her life for three decades to the service of basketball in this Commonwealth; for her unparalleled and

legendary accomplishments in leading successive teams of young women to success in basketball competition; for bringing tremendous honor and pride to the Boone County community through her impressive accomplishments; and for inspiring and shaping the lives of a generation of young women in Boone County;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate honors Nell Fookes upon her retirement from the Boone County High School girls' basketball team, and grants her best wishes as she begins a new, well-deserved and exciting chapter of her life.

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

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