

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the George Rogers Clark High School United States  
2 Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

3           WHEREAS, the United States Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps  
4 (JROTC), was established by the National Defense Act of 1916. JROTC is one of the  
5 largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the world with  
6 programs established at public and private educational institutions. In 1964, Congress  
7 expanded the program to all military services, requiring each one to have a JROTC  
8 program to "instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the  
9 values of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsibility and a sense  
10 of accomplishment." JROTC's focus is reflected in its mission statement "To Motivate  
11 Young People to be Better Citizens"; and

12           WHEREAS, the United States Army JROTC program is operational in over 1,700  
13 public and private high schools, military institutions, and correctional centers throughout  
14 the United States and overseas. Each program instills the JROTC Creed into the  
15 approximately 314,000 cadets annually; and

16           WHEREAS, in 2005, the George Rogers Clark High School of Winchester,  
17 Kentucky, understood the need and significance of establishing an Army JROTC for the  
18 community. The founding fathers, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Brett Morris and Sergeant  
19 First Class (Ret) Robert Welch, of the George Rogers Clark High School JROTC  
20 program, known as the Long Knives, established and grew the program to become a  
21 nationally recognized organization within the National Raider Challenge Championships;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, the National Raider Challenge Championships is an athletic  
24 competition that focuses on a team's and individual's citizenship; leadership; and  
25 physical, mental, and emotional wellness; and

26           WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC National Raider  
27 Championship, was held November 6 and 7, 2021, at Gerald Lawhorn Boy Scout Camp

1 in Molena, Georgia. The two-day event hosted over 80 teams competing in either a male,  
2 female, or mixed division and represented JROTC programs across all service branches.  
3 The top male and female athletes from each team was eligible to compete in an individual  
4 Ultimate Raider Competition; and

5 WHEREAS, under the current leadership of Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Thomas  
6 Krupp and Master Sergeant (Ret) Larry Lee, an all-female team, the Lady Long Knives,  
7 and an all-male team, the Long Knives, from the George Rogers Clark High School  
8 JROTC program traveled to Molena, Georgia, to compete in the National Raider  
9 Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, at the National Raider Championship, the Lady Long Knives of  
11 George Rogers Clark High School JROTC program demonstrated excellent teamwork  
12 and placed fourth in the all-services female division. Team member Monica Crews was  
13 chosen to compete in the individual Ultimate Raider Competition against 36 contenders;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Long Knives of George Rogers Clark High School JROTC  
16 program showed renowned synergy and placed first in the all-services male division at the  
17 National Raider Championship. Team member Logan Dawson was chosen to compete in  
18 the individual Ultimate Raider Competition against 45 contenders and through  
19 perseverance, and with a mere one-second lead, was named the Ultimate Male Raider at  
20 the National Raider Championship;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate congratulate and honor all the Long  
25 Knives of the George Rogers Clark High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

26 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate commend the dedicated leadership of  
27 Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Thomas Krupp and Master Sergeant (Ret) Larry Lee, and

1 recognize the members of the Lady Long Knives team, Commander Aliyah Newsome,  
2 Brynleigh Perry, Taylor Hall, MacKenzie Roper, Simone Campbell, Leah Mueller, Lillian  
3 Perry, Tara Daniels, Allie Endricks, Bailey Wood, Karsyn Carroll, and Monica Crews;  
4 and the members of the Long Knives team, Commander Logan Dawson, Jonathan Curry,  
5 Blake Embry, Tyler Black, Ryan McCord, William McCord, Byron J. McCann, Cameron  
6 Neely, Carter Gibson, Colby Hatton, Ethan Muncie, Herman Smith, Tanner Morefield,  
7 and Zach Lamb.

8       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
9 Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado for delivery to the George Rogers Clark High  
10 School JROTC Long Knives.