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17 RS BR 1780

- A RESOLUTION commending the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling, Inc.,
 for 20 years of service to the Commonwealth.
- WHEREAS, the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. (KYCPG), a
 nonprofit Kentucky corporation, will present the 20th Annual Educational and Awareness
 Conference on Problem Gambling February 9-10, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, KYCPG has raised awareness of problem gambling as a public health 7 issue by facilitating activities supported by the Kentucky Department for Behavioral 8 Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities; the Kentucky Department of 9 Charitable Gaming; the Kentucky Lottery Corporation; Churchill Downs, Inc.; Ellis Park; 10 Keeneland Race Course; Kentucky Downs; The Red Mile; Turfway Park; behavioral 11 health counselors; and those recovering from gambling addiction and their families; and

WHEREAS, KYCPG educational programs have trained more than 200 counselors
on problem gambling treatment, with 15 having achieved certified gambler counselor
status; and

WHEREAS, KYCPG sponsors of the 1-800-GAMBLER helpline, enhanced in 2016 with text and chat services, which has responded to thousands of calls, averaging approximately 30 calls per month providing a reportable service such as referral to Gamblers Anonymous or a certified gambler counselor; and

WHEREAS, KYCPG has spearheaded annual efforts during National Problem
Gambling Awareness Month and Responsible Gaming Education Week that have resulted
in creation and statewide distribution of awareness posters, brochures, rack cards,
business cards, and pamphlets on problem and addicted gambling, including an awareness
curriculum for middle and high school youth;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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→ Section 1. This honorable body proudly recognizes the Kentucky Council on

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Problem Gambling, Inc., for 20 years of continuous, exemplary service to the citizens of
 the Commonwealth in provision of education, prevention, and treatment of gambling
 problems.

4 → Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
5 Resolution to Michael Stone, Executive Director, KYCPG, P.O. Box 4595, Frankfort,
6 Kentucky 40604-4595.

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