

A RESOLUTION honoring DanceBlue.

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body commends those organizations and individuals in this Commonwealth that go above the normal scope of charitable giving to impact the lives of those who are suffering and in need; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer has affected so many families in this Commonwealth and nation, and it is through the extraordinary efforts of initiatives such as DanceBlue at the University of Kentucky that the vital funding needed to find a cure and to assist with treatment options is spearheaded; and

WHEREAS, DanceBlue is a yearlong fundraising effort culminating in a 24-hour, no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon to benefit the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology Oncology Clinic; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2006, DanceBlue has raised more than \$8.1 million with the help of friends, family, and donors throughout the state as well as the faculty, staff, alumni, and administration at the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, DanceBlue has continued its unprecedented growth as the fastest growing dance marathon in the nation, and Kentucky's and the Southeastern Conference's largest student-run philanthropy project; and

WHEREAS, funds from DanceBlue have been instrumental in implementing the "Late Effects Clinic," which follows cancer survivors into adulthood and assists with complications and long-term side effects caused by cancer and related treatments; and

WHEREAS, the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology Oncology Clinic treats families from across the Commonwealth's 120 counties. At the DanceBlue Clinic, on average one new child is diagnosed with cancer each week; and

WHEREAS, DanceBlue's 10th anniversary dance marathon was hosted from 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2015, until 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Approximately 850 dancers and more than 130 committee members stood for 24 hours and raised more than \$1.6 million; and

WHEREAS, because of the incredible efforts all those associated with DanceBlue have made to help fight childhood cancer, this body hereby commends DanceBlue and its partners at the University of Kentucky, thanks all those who participated in the 2015 dance marathon, and grants DanceBlue best wishes as it continues to serve as a shining example of how teamwork and selflessness can make a difference in the lives of this Commonwealth's children;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate honors DanceBlue and commends all those associated with the event upon their efforts to benefit the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology Oncology Clinic.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and eternal admiration of DanceBlue.

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