

A RESOLUTION honoring the Franklin County Lady Flyers girls' basketball team for its runner-up finish in the 2016 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Lady Flyers finished their 2015-2016 season with an extraordinary record of 31 wins against only five losses. Entering the St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen as the 11th Region champion, the Lady Flyers knocked off Shelby Valley, Campbell County, and Mercer County before being beaten by Butler Traditional High School in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, in a game that would define the tenacity and grit the Lady Flyers performed with every time out, the semifinal game against Mercer County High School was a classic in the recent history of girls' high school basketball in this Commonwealth. Played at BB&T Arena on the campus of Northern Kentucky University, the Lady Flyers outscored the Titans of Mercer County 7-3 over the final 2:21 to win 55-51 and send Franklin County to its first Sweet Sixteen title game appearance since 1980; and

WHEREAS, led by Princess Stewart's 10 points, the Lady Flyers fell to Butler Traditional 62-36 in the championship game, ending their extraordinary season. The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak, a run that had seen the Lady Flyers tear through the 11th Region Tournament by an average of 18 points; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body congratulates the Franklin County Lady Flyers on this day upon their runner-up finish at the 2016 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen, commends Coach Joey Thacker and his staff for the support they have given this team on and off the court, and grants all those seniors who are graduating best wishes as they continue on to a new and exciting chapter of their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor the

Franklin County Lady Flyers upon finishing as the runner-up at the 2016 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Franklin County High School Lady Flyers.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative James Kay and Representative Derrick Graham for delivery.