

A RESOLUTION honoring John Hicks for his service to the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, John Hicks has served the Kentucky State Government for 31 years, 24 of those with the State Budget Office. Since 2005, Mr. Hicks has been the Deputy Budget Director for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, managing the budget and support staff in the office and overseeing much of the development and execution processes; and

WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Murray State University and University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, John Hicks was formerly the Executive Director over policy, budget, and administrative services for the Workforce Development Cabinet. He also served as the President of the National Association of Budget Officers (NASBO) for the 2011-2012 year, and is the only person to receive NASBO's top awards, the George A. Bell and Gloria Timmer Awards; and

WHEREAS, in their letter nominating John Hicks for the Gloria Timmer Award, Governor Steve Beshear and former State Budget Director Mary E. Lassiter lauded Mr. Hicks' work on 2011 House Bill 463, a landmark piece of legislation designed to decrease the state's prison population, reduce incarceration costs, reduce crime, and increase public safety. Governor Beshear and Secretary Lassiter concluded, "John is an outstanding example of a career professional who is dedicated to state budgeting best practices. He is extremely valuable to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and we are proud to nominate him for this recognition"; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this great Commonwealth depend on public servants such as John Hicks, men and women who go beyond their duties and serve as examples of what State Government can offer to the citizens of Kentucky. In appreciation for all that he has done as Deputy Budget Director, for the profound influence he has had on all Kentuckians, and for the extraordinary work he continues to accomplish as a Kentuckian of the highest order, this honorable body commends him for his service and grants him best wishes in all his future endeavors;

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 John Hicks for his service to this Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor and gratitude of John Hicks.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Rick Rand for delivery.