

A RESOLUTION honoring Sally Everman upon winning the 2015 Vic Hellard Jr. Award for exemplary public service.

WHEREAS, Sally Everman has served the Legislative Research Commission for 27 years. Diligently working behind the scenes, she continues to be an invaluable part of the agency as a member of the Project Center, facilitating the center's crucial mission of connecting the Capitol to the citizens of this great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Sally Everman has gained the respect and appreciation of so many inside and outside the agency. She served as one of the chief organizers of the Special Advisory Commission of Senior Citizens, helping the 100 citizen members of that organization coordinate their two-day meeting in Frankfort; and

WHEREAS, Sally Everman also played an integral role in organizing and managing key components of the NCSL Legislator's Back to School Program, helping to promote civic education and sharing the principles of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Sally Everman coordinates surveys that members of the General Assembly send to their constituents in order to gauge their feelings on a wide variety of issues. In overseeing this vital component of their communication with constituents, Sally has legislators' utmost trust for her understanding of their responsibilities and for her unwavering commitment to the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, for more than a quarter century, Sally Everman has served the Legislative Research Commission with her trademark professionalism, dedication, and dignity. Beloved by everyone who meets her—from legislators to fellow staff to the Capitol's many visitors—she truly represents the best the agency has to offer; and

WHEREAS, Sally Everman was hired into the agency by Vic Hellard Jr., and it is appropriate that she receives this award in his name. His relentless pursuit of the common good, his firm belief that "service and a commitment to the public trust have been this agency's goal," is illustrated no more strikingly than when one meets Sally in person; and

WHEREAS, the Vic Hellard Jr. Award was created in 1997 to recognize

outstanding public service in the spirit he brought to it: good humor, compassion, vision, and a reverence for history; and

WHEREAS, Vic Hellard Jr.'s belief in the innate goodness of the people of this Commonwealth was expressed through his core conviction that public service is a citizen's highest civic calling, and it is the continuing mission of the Legislative Research Commission to promote sound relationships between constituents and legislators, between Kentuckians and their Capitol, and between each and every member of this staff; and

WHEREAS, Sally Everman's integrity, her kindness, and her uncommon aptitude for communicating with people are vital to the mission of the Project Center, and those traits serve as symbolic reminders of the role of the Legislative Research Commission as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors Sally Everman on this day upon being the recipient of the 2015 Vic Hellard Jr. Award, thanks her for her years of service to the Legislative Research Commission, and acknowledges her profound and continuing contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate thanks Sally Everman for her many years of dedicated service to the Legislative Research Commission and the people of this Commonwealth, and holds her in high esteem for her many contributions to civic life in Kentucky.

➔Section 2. The Senate commends Sally Everman upon being named the recipient of the 2015 Vic Hellard Jr. Award.

➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Sally Everman.