

1 A RESOLUTION celebrating the success of Red Bird Mission.

2 WHEREAS, Red Bird Mission has been providing essential ministries in the
3 Appalachian Mountain Region since 1921; and

4 WHEREAS, located in Clay County at the intersection of Bell and Leslie Counties,
5 Red Bird Mission has sought to respond to the issues of poverty, housing, and other
6 communitywide problems by tailoring its ministry to five critical areas: education, health
7 and wellness, community outreach, economic opportunity, and community housing
8 improvement; and

9 WHEREAS, the Red Bird Mission campus is a combination of modern architecture
10 and cabins spread over 150 acres, and the mission's outreach programs assist roughly
11 10,000 of our most vulnerable citizens every year; and

12 WHEREAS, Red Bird Mission, which is supported by the United Methodist Church
13 and sees about 2,700 volunteers yearly, today continues to offer vital services that touch
14 the lives of infants to senior citizens. With the assistance of many graduates of the Red
15 Bird School who have generously given back to the mission, the organization now
16 includes a preschool, medical and dental clinics, services for pregnant women, adult
17 education, a food pantry, and many other programs; and

18 WHEREAS, the Red Bird School, which has an enrollment of 231 students and
19 features a college prep curriculum, saw nearly all of last year's seniors graduate and move
20 on to college; and

21 WHEREAS, with the 100th anniversary of Red Bird Mission approaching, the
22 board is working on the "21 by 2021" campaign, with the goal of establishing a \$21
23 million endowment that would see the mission thrive well into the future; and

24 WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully commends those institutions in this
25 Commonwealth that relentlessly seek to better the lives of those Kentuckians most in
26 need; and

27 WHEREAS, in that spirit, this body thanks all those associated with Red Bird

1 Mission, commends the mission for its 96 years of extraordinary work on behalf of the
2 powerless and voiceless, and grants the mission the best of luck as it begins its 21 by
3 2021 campaign;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby celebrate the
8 success of Red Bird Mission, and grant very best wishes as it continues to serve as a
9 shining example of true generosity, compassion, and community outreach.

10 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
11 honor of Red Bird Mission.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to Red Bird Mission, Inc., 70 Queendale Center, Beverly,
14 Kentucky 40913-9607.