

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Russell County High School girls' basketball team.

2 WHEREAS, after being defeated in the championship game of the 16th District
3 Tournament, the Russell County High School Lakers faced long odds as it entered 4th
4 Region Tournament play; and

5 WHEREAS, the Lakers, ably led by Coach Craig Pippen, dispatched Franklin-
6 Simpson and South Warren High Schools before facing Monroe County in the
7 championship game on March 5, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, led by Kaitlyn Coffey's 18 points and Addison Loy's 13, the Lakers
9 defeated Monroe County 54-51 to earn a berth in the 2017 St. Elizabeth
10 Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen; and

11 WHEREAS, even though the Lakers fell in a three-overtime affair against Franklin
12 County in the Sweet Sixteen, the season was one of the finest in the program's history, as
13 it saw the Lakers win 26 games and play for a Kentucky state championship; and

14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body commend those athletic
15 teams who band together to achieve greatness in their particular sport; and

16 WHEREAS, in this spirit, the members congratulate the Russell County High
17 School girls' basketball team upon winning the 4th Region Tournament and competing in
18 the Sweet Sixteen, acknowledge the hard work of the coaching staff for what it has
19 accomplished for these young women on and off the court, and commend the Russell
20 County community for their ardent and passionate support of this extraordinary team;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor the
25 Russell County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 4th Region
26 Championship and playing in the 2017 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet
27 Sixteen.

1 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
2 honor of the Russell County High School girls' basketball team.

3 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
4 copy of this Resolution to Michael Carpenter, Athletic Director, 2166 US 127, Russell
5 Springs, Kentucky 42642.