

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball
2 team.

3 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2017, the Northern Kentucky University Norse defeated
4 the Milwaukee Panthers 59-53, winning the Horizon League Tournament and earning its
5 first ever trip to the prestigious NCAA Basketball Tournament; and

6 WHEREAS, in the 2012-2013 season, Northern Kentucky University reclassified
7 from Division II to Division I, making this season their fifth year of DI competition and
8 the first that saw them eligible for postseason play; and

9 WHEREAS, Northern Kentucky University became just the seventh Division I
10 program ever and the second since 1970 to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament in its
11 first season eligible for postseason play; and

12 WHEREAS, ably coached by Alexandria, Kentucky, native John Brannen, who is
13 currently in his second season with the school, and behind the stellar play of tournament
14 MVP Lavone Holland II, who scored 20 points, and Drew McDonald, who scored 14
15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, the Norse smothered Milwaukee with their defense and
16 successfully took Northern Kentucky University into the "Big Dance"; and

17 WHEREAS, this honorable body commends Northern Kentucky University for its
18 historic 2016-2017 season, acknowledges the extraordinary effort of Coach John Brannen
19 and his entire staff, and grants the Norse best wishes as they prepare to face the
20 University of Kentucky Wildcats in their first round game of the NCAA Tournament;

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 congratulate
25 the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team upon winning the Horizon
26 League Tournament, thank them for representing this Commonwealth with the utmost
27 class and sportsmanship, and grant them very best wishes as they begin play in the 2017

1 NCAA Tournament against the University of Kentucky.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 honor of the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Tammy Knochelmann, Office of the President, Northern
6 Kentucky University, 800 Lucas Administrative Center, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights,
7 Kentucky 41099.