

1           A RESOLUTION celebrating the KHSAA Sweet Sixteen on the occasion of its  
2 100th anniversary.

3           WHEREAS, the Sweet Sixteen high school basketball tournament has become  
4 synonymous not only with the sport of basketball in this Commonwealth, but is renowned  
5 across the country for the quality of play, the sportsmanship, and the deep history that are  
6 exhibited during the event; and

7           WHEREAS, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was created in 1917 to  
8 serve as the governing body of high school athletics in the Commonwealth, and it has  
9 served the players, coaches, and families of Kentucky by offering healthy, high-level  
10 competition for student-athletes for 100 years; and

11           WHEREAS, the first KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Boys' basketball tournament took  
12 place at Danville's Centre College in 1918. The Sweet Sixteen has seen so many  
13 incredible and defining moments since its inception, from tiny Carr Creek's championship  
14 in 1956, to the Cuba Cubs' masterful run in 1952, to Paul Andrews of Laurel County  
15 hitting "the Shot Heard 'Round Kentucky" to beat North Hardin High in the 1982  
16 championship game; and

17           WHEREAS, through these magnificent events, and because of the KHSAA's  
18 guiding hand in setting up and running this tournament with the utmost fairness and  
19 order, the Sweet Sixteen has, along with the Kentucky Derby, become one of the most  
20 notable sporting events that takes place in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

21           WHEREAS, the 2017 Boys' Sweet Sixteen will host roughly 90,000 spectators at  
22 historic Rupp Arena in downtown Lexington, and while the stage may be much larger  
23 than it was back in the humble beginnings of the tournament, the spirit of competition  
24 and the pride that the athletes, their families, and their communities take in competing in  
25 this event will be the same as it was in the very first Sweet Sixteen; and

26           WHEREAS, in rightful recognition of this year's Sweet Sixteen, the members  
27 congratulate the KHSAA for all it continues to accomplish on behalf of the high school

1 athletes, coaches, and administrators in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, further, the members acknowledge the 100 years of the KHSAA Boys'  
3 Sweet Sixteen and grant all the competitors in the 2017 tournament best of luck as they  
4 begin their journeys toward a Kentucky state championship;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives celebrate the KHSAA  
9 Sweet Sixteen on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

10 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
11 honor of the KHSAA Sweet Sixteen.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo.