

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the 1960 8th Region basketball champions and a book  
2 about their exploits—*Integrated: The Lincoln Institute, Basketball, and a Vanished*  
3 *Tradition*—and recognizing Danny Thomas, an important player on that team, and the  
4 author, Shelby County native Jim Miller.

5 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Institute Tigers were one of the first African American  
6 high schools to participate in the integrated Sweet 16, the Kentucky high school boys'  
7 basketball championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Institute Tigers exemplified extraordinary courage and  
9 resiliency in the early days of desegregation in Kentucky as did more than 50 African  
10 American high schools that faced closure after integration; and

11 WHEREAS, Danny Thomas of Frankfort, Kentucky, a longstanding and loyal  
12 employee of the Kentucky Legislature, was an important member of that team; and

13 WHEREAS, the exploits of Mr. Thomas, the Lincoln Institute Tigers, and the early  
14 years of desegregation in Kentucky are the subject of a new book, *Integrated: The*  
15 *Lincoln Institute, Basketball, and a Vanished Tradition*, published by the University Press  
16 of Kentucky; and

17 WHEREAS, the author of the book, Jim Miller, a graduate of Shelby County High  
18 School and the University of Kentucky, has distinguished himself during a career in both  
19 journalism and professional and college sports administration;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

23 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby commend  
24 Danny Thomas and other players, coaches, and parents associated with the 1960 Lincoln  
25 Institute Tigers and Jim Miller for bringing their story before the public.

26 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
27 tribute to all young African Americans who sought to distinguish themselves during one

1 of the most transitional periods in our Commonwealth's history.

2       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
3 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jerry T. Miller for delivery to Danny Thomas  
4 and to Jim Miller.