

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Sam Watkins, CEO of Louisville Central Community
2 Centers, Inc., upon his retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Sam Watkins has proudly served as Chief Executive Officer of
4 Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc. (LCCC) for 28 years; and

5 WHEREAS, noted for his tireless leadership in the creation of such programs as
6 Mini-Versity Child Development Centers, Kids Art Academy, Progressive Education
7 Performance Club, and many other development efforts, LCCC has become an
8 organization that stands as a shining example of Mr. Watkins' vision, his incomparable
9 work ethic, and his unwavering belief in west Louisville and its citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, Sam Watkins was instrumental in the construction of the Oak and
11 Acorn International Center at 28th and Elliot Streets, and established the Business Plus
12 Institute that trained and financially backed entrepreneurs. He was the developer and
13 founder of the Old Walnut Street Development on Muhammed Ali Boulevard in one of
14 Louisville's most economically depressed areas, and was prominent in the creation of the
15 West of Ninth Vision Project, which has long-term economic potential in west Louisville
16 and the Russell neighborhood; and

17 WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully commends those Kentuckians who have
18 had a profound impact on the vitality and economic stability of their communities, and in
19 this spirit the members honor Sam Watkins on this day for his myriad contributions to his
20 beloved city of Louisville and its citizens, and duly congratulate him as he moves on to a
21 new and exciting chapter of his life;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby sincerely thank Sam Watkins for
26 his 28 years of service to Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc., and grant him best
27 wishes as he embarks upon his well-deserved retirement.

1 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and eternal
2 gratitude to Sam Watkins.

3 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
4 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.