

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Makayla Epps.

2 WHEREAS, Makayla Epps, a proud graduate of Marion County High School and
3 the 2013 recipient of Kentucky's Ms. Basketball award, will finish her extraordinary
4 career at the University of Kentucky on February 23, 2017, against the Mississippi State
5 Bulldogs; and

6 WHEREAS, in her junior season, Makayla Epps became the 31st player in
7 Kentucky women's history to reach the 1,000 points scored mark, and the third fastest
8 player under Coach Matthew Mitchell to achieve that feat; and

9 WHEREAS, a two-time choice for first-team all-SEC honors, Makayla Epps has
10 been chosen for the SEC Academic Honor Roll twice in her career and was selected by
11 the league's coaches to the SEC all-tournament team after the 2015 and 2016 events.
12 During her senior season, she is averaging more than 17 points and four rebounds per
13 game, while shooting 33 percent from three-point range and 75 percent from the foul line;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Makayla Epps will end her career as a Wildcat as one of the most
16 skilled and balanced players of the Matthew Mitchell era. Known for her trademark
17 toughness and her exemplary basketball IQ, she has followed in the footsteps of her
18 father, Kentucky Wildcat great Anthony Epps, and will once again seek to lead the
19 University of Kentucky to an NCAA Tournament berth; and

20 WHEREAS, Makayla Epps, for all she has accomplished on and off the court at the
21 University of Kentucky; for her many accomplishments as a basketball player, a student,
22 and a human being of the first order; and for what she represents as one of the greatest
23 athletes to ever come out of Marion County, Kentucky, is rightfully honored by this body
24 on this day, and granted best wishes as she finishes her collegiate playing career;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
27 *Kentucky:*

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Makayla Epps as she plays
2 the last game her career at the University of Kentucky, and wishes her the best of luck in
3 all her future endeavors.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Makayla
5 Epps.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.