

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Judge John "Bear" Coyle for his years of service to the  
2 Woodford County community.

3           WHEREAS, Judge John "Bear" Coyle is the beloved son of the late John William  
4 and Ethel Corman Coyle; and

5           WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Woodford County, Judge Coyle has proudly  
6 served his community for more than 30 years; and

7           WHEREAS, Judge Coyle served as Deputy Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Sheriff, and as  
8 Judge/Executive of Woodford County since 2006; and

9           WHEREAS, for his meritorious service, Judge Coyle was named Deputy Sheriff of  
10 the Year in 1992. During his time as sheriff, he served as a DARE instructor, created the  
11 Woodford County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive, and was appointed by Governor Steve  
12 Beshear to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council; and

13           WHEREAS, a pillar of his cherished community, Judge Coyle was the former chair  
14 of the Woodford County Democratic Party Executive Committee, a Woodford County  
15 ASAP Board Member, and past president and current member of DARE of Woodford  
16 County; and

17           WHEREAS, Judge Coyle was elected Judge/Executive of Woodford County in  
18 2006. His accomplishments in that office have been many, including leading Woodford  
19 County through the largest recession since the Great Depression, increasing the county's  
20 coffers to their highest amount since the 1990s, building a stand-alone coroner's office,  
21 and doubling the size of the Woodford County Park. He also oversaw the modernization  
22 of the Woodford County Courthouse; spearheaded the purchase of up-to-date voting  
23 machines; approved Sunday liquor sales; created the new Hunteertown Park from an  
24 abandoned residential area; solidified the county's infrastructure; and was directly  
25 involved with manufacturing moving to Woodford County, which included Lakeshore  
26 Learning Materials, Castle and Key Distillery, Pilkington North America, and Woodford  
27 Reserve—all while never increasing taxes; and

1           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those elected officials in our  
2 Commonwealth who serve with the highest distinction, and in this spirit the members on  
3 this day acknowledge the exemplary work Judge John "Bear" Coyle has done on behalf of  
4 Woodford County and its citizens; and

5           WHEREAS, in so doing, the body acknowledges the many sacrifices Judge Coyle's  
6 family has made, including his wife, Mary Don Coyle; his children, Andrew, Roy,  
7 Matthew, and John Paul; and his adoring grandchildren, Ella, Sloane, and Mallory;

8           NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
10 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

11           ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Judge  
12 John "Bear" Coyle for his decades of service to the Woodford County community, and  
13 grant him best wishes as he prepares for his much-deserved retirement as Woodford  
14 County Judge/Executive.

15           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
16 honor of and gratitude to Judge John "Bear" Coyle.

17           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
18 copy of this Resolution to Representative James Kay for delivery.