

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley.

2           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley is a native son of the Commonwealth  
3 of Kentucky, born in the City of Corinth in Grant County, and residing in Woodford  
4 County for the majority of his life; and

5           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's career in public service was foretold  
6 early on in his life as he was elected class president of his freshman, sophomore, and  
7 junior classes, then with his ascendance to president of the student government his senior  
8 year in Woodford County High School; and

9           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley returned from Morehead State  
10 University to his home county, wherein he was shortly appointed to the position of deputy  
11 sheriff by Woodford County Sheriff Arthur Gregory, wherein Mr. Nunnelley would serve  
12 from 1973 through 1981; and

13           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's service to the citizenry as deputy,  
14 and his stellar reputation, being a longtime resident of Woodford County, garnered his  
15 election to the position of sheriff in 1981; and

16           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's service as sheriff continued to fire  
17 his passion for public service, whereupon, after a term in office as sheriff, his good works  
18 for the people of Woodford County was confirmed by his election in 1985 and 1989 to  
19 two consecutive terms in office in the highest county elective office as Judge/Executive  
20 of Woodford County; and

21           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's term of office as county  
22 judge/executive featured the purchase of land that became the site for the much-  
23 acclaimed Falling Springs park housing a cutting-edge and much-used recreation center,  
24 and is also the location of numerous additional civic and county governmental functions.  
25 The complex is coveted even today by many local governments; and

26           WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's excellent service to the public  
27 secured his hiring by the Kentucky Association of Counties, also known by the acronym

1 "KACo," as the program administrator of the KACo Unemployment Compensation Self-  
2 Insurance Fund, where he excelled to such a degree he was named deputy director of  
3 KACo in 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley felt the call for public service again,  
5 and was elected by the citizens of Senate District 30 as state senator whose tenure from  
6 1994 through 1998 was distinguished, among other acts, by bringing in funds to support  
7 and further develop the governmental, civic, and recreational needs of the citizens of  
8 Senate District 30; and

9 WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's excellent attendance to the needs of  
10 counties and their elected officials, employees, and citizens was again recognized by the  
11 leadership of KACo, whereupon in 2010 the board proffered the position of KACo  
12 Executive Director, and Mr. Nunnelley took the helm and confidently steered the  
13 association away from stormy waters and to calmer seas. Mr. Nunnelley's tenure as  
14 executive director guided the association through many political and administrative  
15 hurdles, such as the Great Recession, which placed counties under fiscal hardships  
16 previously experienced by few; the placement of administrative and fiscal transparency  
17 initiatives upon special districts through the auspices of the Kentucky General Assembly;  
18 deep changes to Kentucky's criminal laws that greatly affected jails, which consume vast  
19 amounts of county resources; changes to pension funding, which also consumes  
20 considerable county resources; amendments to the state laws dealing with E911 funding  
21 that will contribute to the invaluable role that counties and county entities play in guiding  
22 life and property-saving services toward the citizenry of the commonwealth; and the  
23 engagement of private enterprise with public entities toward building beneficial capital  
24 projects; and

25 WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's demeanor has earned such accolades  
26 from his associates as having "honesty, integrity, and compassion for people and life,"  
27 having inexhaustible patience, being a source of comfort and willingness to listen, and

1 being a great steward of the institution of which he was the executive director; and

2 WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley's successful involvement with local  
3 government, with numerous boards and authorities, with KACo, which represents a wide  
4 spectrum of local officials and bodies, and with the Woodford County Chamber of  
5 Commerce which has seen fit to induct him into its Hall of Fame, indeed means that Mr.  
6 Nunnelley's service to these entities enabled him to touch the lives of the majority of the  
7 citizens of the commonwealth, contribute toward their greater prosperity, health, and  
8 security, as these are the core goals of local governments for which Mr. Nunnelley has  
9 long labored; and

10 WHEREAS, without the love and support of his wife of more than 40 years, Lou  
11 Kitchen Nunnelley, and without the love and support of his daughters, Kayla and Beth,  
12 the adoration of whom it has been made apparent to all, the majority of Earl Dennis  
13 "Denny" Nunnelley's efforts and labors would not have been made manifest; and

14 WHEREAS, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley retired from the office of Executive  
15 Director of the Kentucky Association of Counties on June 30, 2017;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
18 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

19 ➔Section 1. When presented with the manifold, selfless accomplishments  
20 benefitting the citizenry of the Commonwealth to such a degree as has been the case with  
21 Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley, the members of the House of Representatives rightfully  
22 and with delight proffer their highest honors and sincerest wishes for a much-deserved  
23 retirement.

24 ➔Section 2. As Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley became associated with an oft-  
25 quoted motto of "Do good, and be good," the members of the House of Representatives  
26 do affirm that in his personal and professional life, Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley has  
27 "done well, and is good." The members of the House of Representatives furthermore

1 congratulate Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley on a splendid career and applaud the  
2 manifold accomplishments and benefits his service has conferred upon the citizens of the  
3 commonwealth.

4       ➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
5 honor of and gratitude to Earl Dennis "Denny" Nunnelley.

6       ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
7 copy of this Resolution to Representative James Kay for delivery to Earl Dennis "Denny"  
8 Nunnelley.