

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky State University President Dr. M. Christopher  
2 Brown II.

3           WHEREAS, in March 2017, Dr. M. Christopher Brown II was named the 18th  
4 President of Kentucky State University; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown, a graduate of South Carolina State University, the  
6 University of Kentucky, and Penn State University, has served on the faculties at the  
7 University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
8 Penn State University, and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Before coming to  
9 Kentucky State, he proudly served as the president of the nation's first historically black  
10 land-grant institution, Alcorn State University; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is a noted leader and thinker, publishing multiple books  
12 and journal articles on education and culture. In 2012, due to his unwavering leadership,  
13 Alcorn State was honored with the Historically Black College and University of the Year  
14 Award, and in 2013, Dr. Brown was named the Male Historically Black College and  
15 University President of the Year; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is also the proud recipient of many other commendations  
17 and recognitions for his service in education, including the 2008 Association of Teacher  
18 Educators Distinguished Educator Award; the Association of Public and Land-grant  
19 Universities Commission on Access, Diversity, and Excellence 2013 Distinguished  
20 Service Award; and a 2017 Trumpet Award for Spiritual Enlightenment; and

21           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's service to his communities extends outside education. He  
22 is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 100 Black Men of America, and is  
23 an ordained Baptist minister; and

24           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown will also proudly lead Kentucky State University's state of  
25 the art Environmental Education and Research Center. The Center, which was begun with  
26 the help of private citizens and brought to fruition by Dr. Brown, welcomed more than  
27 800 visitors in 2017, including 650 Kentucky students, summer camp participants, and

1 other youth. The Center will see construction begin in 2018 to complete a Braille Trail for  
2 individuals with visual impairments, and several new research initiatives will be housed  
3 at the Center to encourage hands-on learning for Kentucky State students and other  
4 learners from around the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, this body commends Dr. M. Christopher Brown II on this day upon  
6 being named President of one of this Commonwealth's jewels of higher education,  
7 Kentucky State University. In so doing, the body grants Dr. Brown best wishes as he  
8 takes up this important mantle; acknowledges his already exemplary career in education;  
9 and duly thanks him for all he has done so far on behalf of the many students, faculty, and  
10 alumni at KSU;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
13 *Kentucky:*

14 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Dr. M. Christopher Brown  
15 II upon being named the 18th President of Kentucky State University.

16 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dr. M.  
17 Christopher Brown II.

18 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
19 Resolution to Senator Dan "Malano" Seum for delivery.