

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Sisters of Loretto and their work in Ghana.

2 WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, the Sisters of Loretto has served as a  
3 community that exists to praise God and minister to people of faith through service, love,  
4 and an enduring devotion to the human spirit; and

5 WHEREAS, founded in Kentucky in 1812, the Sisters of Loretta was one of the  
6 first Roman Catholic communities of women established in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the Loretto Motherhouse, the traditional home place for the Sisters of  
8 Loretto, is located in Nerinx, Kentucky, in Marion County; and

9 WHEREAS, in December 2017, two members of the Sisters of Loretto community,  
10 Sister Kay Carlew and Sister Maria Visse, traveled to Ghana, West Africa, to offer  
11 education and health services and to assist the local people with myriad issues of need;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, upon their return, the sisters noted the importance of telling others  
14 about all they witnessed in Africa, and of informing people about how the citizens of  
15 Ghana are no different than us in their pursuit of dignity and happiness; and

16 WHEREAS, Sister Visse particularly noted how the Sisters of Loretto "try to share  
17 our respect for people, other countries, and cultures." The sisters also commended the  
18 education in Ghana and how the local citizens "value education and know that education  
19 is the way to improve themselves." The Sisters of Loretto, who first traveled to Africa  
20 two decades ago, have always attempted to improve the educational opportunities for the  
21 regions they assist; and

22 WHEREAS, it is rightful that this honorable body commend Sisters of Loretto for  
23 all they have accomplished in dutiful service of Christ's good will; and

24 WHEREAS, in so doing, the body acknowledges the trip to Ghana taken by Sisters  
25 Kay Carlew and Maria Visse; notes the unbreakable spirit shared by the Sisters of  
26 Loretto; and thanks them for their message of compassion, spiritual values, and the  
27 ongoing pursuit of justice and peace;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

2       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
3       *Kentucky:*

4           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor the Sisters of Loretto and  
5       thank Sister Kay Carlew and Sister Maria Visse for their travels to Ghana in 2017.

6           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and eternal  
7       gratitude to the Sisters of Loretto.

8           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
9       Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon.