

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Thomas More University women's basketball team
2 upon winning the NCAA Division III national championship.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas More University, in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, has further
4 solidified its position as a women's basketball powerhouse, behind Head Coach Jeff
5 Hans, continuing to grow a tradition that is nearly unmatched in a Commonwealth that
6 has many outstanding basketball legacies; and

7 WHEREAS, the Thomas More University Saints came into the 2018-2019 season
8 after an impressive 30-2 season. The Saints proceeded to go 33-0, winning every game in
9 the NCAA Division III tournament by double digits, except one, where they only won by
10 eight points over Trine; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2019, at the Cregger Center in Salem, Virginia, the
12 Saints defeated Bowdoin College 81-67 to claim their third Division III national
13 championship in five years; and

14 WHEREAS, the Saints were led in scoring by Kaela Saner with 20 points. Shelby
15 Rupp had a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds, and Madison Temple played
16 40 minutes with 17 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals, and 4 assists. These performances,
17 alongside the efforts of the whole team, led to an excellent performance on the
18 championship stage for the Saints. This perfect season was the third in five years, and it
19 cements their legacy here in the Commonwealth as a force in college basketball; and

20 WHEREAS, this honorable body today commends Thomas More University for its
21 perfect season and for winning its third Division III national championship in five years.
22 It also congratulates Coach Jeff Hans and his staff for what they have done for these
23 young women on and off the court, and it acknowledges the Thomas More community,
24 the school administrators and faculty, the support staff, and the families of these players
25 for all taking part in mentoring and assisting them on their path to becoming champions;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors the Thomas More
3 University women's basketball team upon winning the NCAA Division III national
4 championship.

5 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
6 honor of the Thomas More University women's basketball team.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Diane St. Onge for delivery.