

1 A RESOLUTION honoring University of Louisville President Dr. Neeli Bendapudi.

2 WHEREAS, in April 2018, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi was selected as the 18th President  
3 of the University of Louisville, the first woman and person of color to be named to that  
4 position; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bendapudi received her bachelor's and master's degrees at Andhra  
6 University, India, and her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. She has served on the  
7 faculties at the University of Kansas, Texas A&M University, and The Ohio State  
8 University, where she created and served as Executive Director of the Initiative for  
9 Managing Services at the Fisher College of Business. Before coming to the University of  
10 Louisville, she had served as the Henry D. Price Dean of the University of Kansas School  
11 of Business and then as Kansas's Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bendapudi has served in the private sector as Executive Vice  
13 President and Chief Customer Officer for Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio, and has  
14 consulted with many national and international companies, including Cardinal Health,  
15 Cessna, Cintas, Nationwide Insurance, Procter & Gamble, and Wendy's; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Bendapudi is recognized nationally as an expert in the study of  
17 consumer behavior in service contexts and has been featured in the national media,  
18 including on CNBC and National Public Radio and in the *New York Times*; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Bendapudi has received many awards and honors for her work and  
20 service, including the Academy of Marketing Science Outstanding Marketing Teacher  
21 Award. She has been named one of the Most Powerful Business Leaders in the Kansas  
22 City Area and among the Fifty Kansans You Should Know by *Ingram's Magazine*. The  
23 *Kansas City Business Journal* named her an Influential Woman of 2012, she was named  
24 one of Twelve Women You Should Know in Central Ohio by the Women for Economic  
25 Leadership and Development, and she was an inductee into the KU Women's Hall of  
26 Fame; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Bendapudi has announced her commitment to making the

1 University of Louisville an even greater place to learn, work, and invest, and will do so by  
2 encouraging diversity and fostering equity in order to achieve inclusion; and

3 WHEREAS, the body commends Dr. Bendapudi on her appointment as the 18th  
4 President of the University of Louisville. In doing so, the body extends best wishes as she  
5 embarks on strategic planning; acknowledges her outstanding accomplishments both in  
6 academe and in the corporate world; and duly thanks her for all she has done, is doing,  
7 and will continue to do for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and on behalf of the students,  
8 faculty, staff, and alumni of the University of Louisville;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Dr.  
13 Neeli Bendapudi upon being named the 18th President of the University of Louisville.

14 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
15 honor of Dr. Neeli Bendapudi.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
17 copy of this Resolution to Representative Nima Kulkarni for delivery.