

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky State University valedictorian Jessica  
2 Marquez Cordova.

3 WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors those students in this Commonwealth who  
4 have overcome obstacles to achieve extraordinary levels of academic success; and

5 WHEREAS, Jessica Marquez Cordova was named valedictorian of the fall class of  
6 2018 at Kentucky State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Jessica Cordova was a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals  
8 student, which protects well-performing people who were raised under the influence of  
9 American culture and allows them a chance to remain in the country to pursue a better  
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, after her graduation from Fern Creek High School in Louisville,  
12 Jessica Cordova planned to take a year off to save money for college. However, Kentucky  
13 State University interim President Raymond Burse created 10 scholarships for Hispanic  
14 students, which allowed Ms. Cordova to enroll at KSU; and

15 WHEREAS, Jessica Cordova was a first-generation college student, and was lauded  
16 by interim President Burse as having a great deal of intelligence and courage; and

17 WHEREAS, Jessica Cordova was forced to withdraw in 2015 because of a  
18 debilitating medical disorder called Bell's palsy. By enrolling in summer classes and  
19 taking 21 credit hours during her final semester—all while working two jobs—she was  
20 able to graduate on time; and

21 WHEREAS, Jessica Cordova graduated from Kentucky State University with a  
22 degree in business, and she would go on to say that she "just wanted to set an example for  
23 my two younger sisters and people that look up to me";

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby congratulate Jessica Marquez

1 Cordova upon being the valedictorian at Kentucky State University for the fall class of  
2 2018, and grant her very best wishes as she continues to work toward achieving her  
3 dream of working in the music industry.

4       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Jessica  
5 Marquez Cordova.

6       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
7 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey for delivery.