

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky Chamber of Commerce President and CEO
2 Dave Adkisson upon his retirement.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce was established in 1946 as a
4 bipartisan voice for business at the state Capitol, and behind the leadership and vision of
5 the men and women who have run the organization over the following seven decades it
6 has grown to represent more than 3,800 businesses across this great Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Dave Adkisson is a proud native of Owensboro, Kentucky, where he
8 was elected Mayor at the age of 34; and

9 WHEREAS, the former chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce
10 Executives and the Council of State Chambers, Dave Adkisson served as President of the
11 Birmingham Chamber for six years before taking over as President and CEO of the
12 Kentucky Chamber in 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, during Dave Adkisson's 14-year tenure, the Kentucky Chamber has
14 reaped the rewards of his unique vision and impeccable work ethic; and

15 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Chamber was a driver in such pivotal and sweeping
16 legislation as pension reform in 2013, right to work legislation in 2017, and workers'
17 compensation reforms in 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Kentucky Chamber was named State Chamber of the Year
19 by the National Council of State Chambers; and

20 WHEREAS, in October 2019, Dave Adkisson will retire, ending an extraordinary
21 career of service in pursuit of the free market ideals that allow this nation and this
22 Commonwealth to prosper, and in tireless support of Kentucky's businesses and the
23 people who operate them;

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 Kentucky Chamber

1 of Commerce President and CEO Dave Adkisson upon his retirement, and rightfully
2 thank him for his fourteen years of service and for all he accomplished on behalf of this
3 Commonwealth's vibrant business community.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dave
5 Adkisson.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer.