

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Robert Jenkins upon his retirement
2 from the Legislative Research Commission for his many years of dedicated service to the
3 Kentucky General Assembly.

4 WHEREAS, Robert Ashley Jenkins, a Frankfort native and the son of the late Mel
5 and Jo Ann Jenkins, was a 1977 graduate of Franklin County High School, where he was
6 a standout tennis player; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Jenkins graduated from Wake Forest University, where he
8 received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1981; and the Salmon P. Chase
9 College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, where he received a Juris Doctor
10 degree in 1984; and

11 WHEREAS, after being admitted to the bar in 1984, Robert Jenkins spent the next
12 several years in private practice, performing a variety of civil and appellate work with an
13 emphasis in Social Security and workers' compensation; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1993, Robert Jenkins accepted a position with the Legislative
15 Research Commission as a Legislative Analyst with the Health and Welfare Committee,
16 which started a career faithfully and effectively serving the Kentucky General Assembly;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Jenkins has served in many positions during his career at LRC,
19 including Assistant Statute Reviser, Coordinator of the Committee Staff Associate
20 Program, Committee Staff Administrator for the Health and Welfare Committee,
21 Assistant Director for Research Coordination and Deputy Director for Research; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2008, Robert Jenkins was appointed to his current position of
23 Deputy Director of Committee and Staff Coordination, a position which nominally entails
24 leading and coordinating the activities of over 100 staff who serve on the standing and
25 statutory committees, including training, scheduling, assignment of bill drafts, and bill
26 tracking; and

27 WHEREAS, this position is, in reality, an all-encompassing job which involves

1 constant communication and coordination among non-partisan staff, leadership staff,
2 legislators, and the executive branch; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert Jenkins approached this difficult and demanding job the way
4 he did all things during his career at LRC: with an analytical approach to problem
5 solving, an encyclopedic knowledge of the legislative process, a keen understanding of
6 the individuals involved in the process, and an abiding respect and devotion to the
7 institution of the legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, outside of work, Robert Jenkins has volunteered his time and efforts to
9 numerous causes, including the Jaycees, the Association for the Blind, and the United
10 Way, but certainly nearest and dearest to his heart has been his work rescuing racing
11 greyhounds, in particular Niles and Nigel, the two dogs he and his husband Randy helped
12 save from a life to which no animal should be subjected; and

13 WHEREAS, after a career of dedicated service, Robert Jenkins has announced his
14 retirement; and while this body, the LRC, and this institution as a whole will acutely miss
15 his expertise and acumen, it is fitting and proper that we take time to honor his dedicated
16 and faithful service over these last 26 years;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The members of this body, both individually and collectively, do
21 hereby honor Robert Jenkins for his career of service to the Legislative Research
22 Commission, recognize him upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him good
23 fortune in all future endeavors.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate will transmit a copy of this Resolution to
25 Robert Jenkins.