

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Mary Irby-Jones upon being named executive editor of
2 the Louisville *Courier-Journal*.

3 WHEREAS, this body honors those journalists across this Commonwealth who
4 serve with such distinction in their field that they become models for reporters across the
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Irby-Jones, being one such journalist, is duly honored on this day
7 for her outstanding career in the field of journalism; and

8 WHEREAS, this body further congratulates Mary Irby-Jones on being named
9 executive editor of one of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's most venerable newspapers,
10 the Louisville *Courier-Journal*; and

11 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of the University of Mississippi, Mary Irby-Jones
12 was the first person in her family to go to college. Beginning her career as a copyeditor
13 for the *Clarion-Ledger*, she went on to serve as senior editor of the Dayton *Daily News*
14 and as top editor of the *Clarion-Ledger* and the Hattiesburg *American* in her native state
15 of Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, Mary Irby-Jones made her name in journalism by focusing on crucial
17 issues such as diversity and economic inequality; and

18 WHEREAS, with local news becoming a fundamental part of American life, and
19 the need for quality reporters and editors greater than ever, Mary Irby-Jones's leadership,
20 her eye for important stories, and her indelible focus on community will be essential in
21 the city of Louisville; and

22 WHEREAS, Mary Irby-Jones will be the first woman and the second African-
23 American to hold the position of executive editor at the *Courier-Journal*; and

24 WHEREAS, this body honors Mary Irby-Jones on this day and grants her Godspeed
25 as she takes over as executive editor of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
3 hereby congratulate Mary Irby-Jones upon being named executive editor of the Louisville
4 *Courier-Journal*, and grant her very best wishes as she begins this new chapter of an
5 already extraordinary career in the field of journalism.

6 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Mary Irby-
7 Jones.

8 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal.