

1 A RESOLUTION honoring University of Kentucky history professor Dr. Tracy
2 Campbell.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Tracy Campbell is a proud 1984 graduate of the University of
4 Kentucky. He went on to earn his master's degree and Ph.D. from Duke University, and
5 currently teaches courses in recent United States social and political history at the
6 University of Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2010 Dr. Campbell received the Great Teacher Award from the
8 University of Kentucky Alumni Association. He has organized symposia and lectures that
9 connect history with current public policy debates, and in 2018 he was named the E.
10 Vernon Smith and Eloise C. Smith Professor of American History at UK; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell is the author of five books, including *The Year of Peril*,
12 which won the 2020 Book of the Year Award from the World News Group in the
13 Accessible History category, and *The Gateway Arch: A Biography*, which won the 2014
14 Missouri History Book Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell's most recent book is *The Year of Peril: America in*
16 *1942*, which has just won the prestigious New York Historical Society's Barbara and
17 David Zalaznick Book Prize, awarded each year for the best work of history or biography
18 by an American; and

19 WHEREAS, Jennifer Schuessler, in her review of *The Year of Peril* for the *New*
20 *York Times*, notes that the book "challenges the public memory of the war years as a time
21 of national unity and resolve," a theme which resonates to this day as America strives to
22 collectively define unity and patriotism during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell's myriad achievements illustrate what scholarship in the
24 humanities can do for us. He has written extensively about Kentucky in such books as
25 *The Politics of Despair: Power and Resistance in the Tobacco Wars*, placing our
26 Commonwealth's history in context and creating crucial touchpoints of understanding for
27 a modern audience; and

1 WHEREAS, this august body commends those educators, thinkers, and writers in
2 this Commonwealth who produce such important scholarship that they become models by
3 which other scholars think about the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Tracy Campbell is one such scholar, and this body congratulates
5 him on this day upon winning the Barbara and David Zalaznick Book Prize; and

6 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members duly thank Dr. Campbell for his many
7 contributions to the University of Kentucky, and grant him very best wishes as he
8 continues to impact the lives of his students and the many readers who have been moved
9 by his work;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
12 *Kentucky:*

13 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
14 hereby honor Dr. Tracy Campbell for winning the Barbara and David Zalaznick Book
15 Prize presented by the New York Historical Society, and rightfully commend him for his
16 extraordinary career at the University of Kentucky.

17 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dr. Tracy
18 Campbell.

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