

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Gateway Children's Services.

2 WHEREAS, founded in 1981, Gateway Children's Services began as a National  
3 Model Project, funded by a grant from the National Office of Juvenile Justice and  
4 Delinquency Prevention, to provide children charged with status offenses (runaway,  
5 truancy, and beyond parental control) a safe alternative to placement in adults jails; and

6 WHEREAS, 40 years later, Gateway Children's Services provides a wide array of  
7 programs and services to abused, neglected, homeless, and abandoned children who are in  
8 need of a qualified residential treatment program, emergency shelter treatment program,  
9 alternative to detention program, therapeutic foster care, adoption services, and outpatient  
10 behavioral health and substances programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Gateway Children's Services has always been a safe haven for children  
12 in need, where they can receive an education, feel safe, and no longer worry if their most  
13 basic needs will be met; and

14 WHEREAS, many of Gateway Children's Services' residents suffer from trauma  
15 associated with physical, emotional, sexual, and family substance abuse. Their symptoms  
16 often include ADHD, anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns; and

17 WHEREAS, the Gateway Children's Services onsite school features an  
18 individualized curriculum utilizing credit recovery programs and ACT and GED  
19 preparation instruction provided by certified teachers. Students may also take online  
20 college courses upon graduating from high school while a resident at Gateway Children's  
21 Services. Educational instruction is provided in partnership with the Montgomery County  
22 School System;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Gateway Children's Services for 40 years  
27 of serving at-risk children and families across the Commonwealth of Kentucky by

1 providing them a "Lifeline for Change."

2       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Gateway  
3 Children's Services and its staff, board of directors, stakeholders, and donors.

4       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
5 Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado.