

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the tremendous service and achievement of  
2 Representative Reginald Meeks upon his retirement from this august body.

3           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks dutifully served the 42nd District in  
4 Jefferson County from his election to the General Assembly in 2000 until his retirement  
5 on December 17, 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks began his career with the General  
7 Assembly after serving nine terms as an alderman in the City of Louisville; and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks has served as the Vice Chair of the  
9 Budget Review Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and of the Licensing and  
10 Occupations Committee. During his tenure, Representative Meeks served on the  
11 committees on Appropriations and Revenue, Education, Health and Family Services,  
12 Judiciary, and National Resources and Environment; and

13           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks received his Bachelor of Arts from  
14 Wabash College and later received his Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa.  
15 Representative Meeks has begun his pursuit of a Doctor of Philosophy from the  
16 University of Louisville, from which he retired after 22 years of service in a variety of  
17 administrative and teaching capacities. He is a proud father of one daughter and  
18 grandfather of a beautiful granddaughter; and

19           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks served as a member of the National  
20 Conference of State Legislatures, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the  
21 National Caucus of Native American State Legislators. He was Chairman of the  
22 Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus and is a founding member of the Kentucky Black  
23 Caucus of Local Elected Officials; and

24           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks has been professionally engaged with  
25 the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center as a former chair of the board, the  
26 Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education, and he was selected as a Fellow in  
27 the Center for Policy Alternatives and served on its Advisory Board; and

1           WHEREAS, Representative Reginald Meeks has received numerous awards and  
2 recognitions which include: Charter Class membership in Leadership Kentucky;  
3 Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; Kentucky Sportsmen's Caucus; Kentucky Native  
4 American Heritage Commission; Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders in America;  
5 Outstanding Young Men of America; Who's Who Among Black Americans; Who's Who  
6 in the South; YMCA Adult Achiever Award; Ebony Magazine's Fifty Young Future  
7 Leaders; Louisville Magazine's People to Watch; National Black Caucus of State  
8 Legislators Silver Gavel award; and the Louisville Urban League Young Professional's  
9 Citizen of the Year award; and

10           WHEREAS, when asked about Representative Reginald Meeks, Representative  
11 Joni Jenkins said he "has personified public service as well as anyone I have ever known.  
12 He was a powerful voice when he was on the Louisville Board of Aldermen, and he  
13 continued that work when he became a state representative. Representative Meeks has  
14 been a great advocate for our community and will be deeply missed. His public service  
15 may be over, but his friendship, kindness, and legacy will always endure";

16           NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
18 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

19           ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives salutes Representative Reginald  
20 Meeks upon the occasion of his retirement from this Honorable Body, and expresses its  
21 heartfelt gratitude for a lifetime of service to the Commonwealth.

22           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
23 honor of its esteemed colleague and friend, Representative Reginald Meeks, whose  
24 presence and contribution will be sorely missed.