

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Coach Bill Cronin upon the occasion of his retirement
2 as head football coach for Georgetown College.

3 WHEREAS, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame
4 football coach Bill Cronin has announced his retirement as head football coach for
5 Georgetown College; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin graduated from Indiana University, the flagship
7 university of his home state, in 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin started as a middle school coach for three years until
9 ascending to collegiate athletics; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin first arrived at Georgetown as an understudy to Coach
11 Kevin Donley, and served as the offensive coordinator in 1991 when the Tigers won the
12 first of three NAIA National Championships; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin left the college in 1993 to head Madison Central High
14 School's football program, where he stayed until returning to Georgetown in 1997 as head
15 coach of the Tigers; and

16 WHEREAS, having served more than a decade as an assistant, Coach Cronin's
17 Georgetown tenure has included 36 of the past 40 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin has guided the Tigers to 218 victories, giving him more
19 wins than any other football coach in the history of Georgetown's program; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin never experienced a losing season as Georgetown's head
21 coach, and only two seasons yielded an even record. His overall record was 218 wins and
22 only 65 losses; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgetown won back-to-back championships in 2000 and 2001 under
24 Coach Cronin, part of a run of four consecutive years the Tigers made it to the national
25 championship game. Coach Cronin also led the Tigers to 14 Mid-South Conference titles
26 and 16 NAIA playoff appearances; and

27 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin was the first NAIA coach to serve as president of the

1 American Football Coaches Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin is a two-time NAIA Coach of the Year, eight-time Mid-
3 South Conference Coach of the Year, and is a 2020 NAIA Hall of Fame inductee; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Cronin attributes a lot of his success to his wife, Ellen, their
5 three sons, Kevin, Chris, and Cory, and also his assistant coaches and players throughout
6 the years;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
9 *Kentucky:*

10 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Coach Bill Cronin upon his
11 retirement as Georgetown College's head football coach.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Coach
13 Cronin.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery.