

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Mary Catherine Bunning on her 90th birthday.

2 WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Theis was born in Southgate, Kentucky, on March 28,
3 1932; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1952, Mary Catherine Theis married her childhood sweetheart,
5 former United States Senator, United States Representative, Kentucky State Senator,
6 Republican Leader, and Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Bunning, and
7 they were married for 65 years until Jim Bunning's passing on May 26, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Bunning is a proud mother of nine children, including
9 four sons and five daughters, and has been blessed with 35 grandchildren and 40 great-
10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Bunning was a devoted wife who, with her kind and
12 caring nature, contributed to the success of the careers of Jim Bunning in both baseball
13 and politics. Mary Catherine encouraged Jim as he traveled around the country during his
14 baseball career and enthusiastically supported his various political campaigns; and

15 WHEREAS, this body honors Mary Catherine Bunning on her 90th birthday,
16 acknowledges her many achievements as a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-
17 grandmother, and grants her best wishes as she continues to live an extraordinary life;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
20 *Kentucky:*

21 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Mary Catherine Bunning on the occasion
22 of her 90th birthday on March 28, 2022, and extends its sincerest appreciation for her
23 accomplishments throughout her life.

24 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and
25 appreciation of Mary Catherine Bunning.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
27 Resolution to Senator Wil Schroder for delivery.