

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kenwood Elementary School on being named a 2021
2 National ESEA Distinguished School.

3 WHEREAS, Kenwood Elementary School in Jefferson County, Kentucky, is a
4 caring and safe environment that strives to educate the whole child while promoting good
5 character, responsibility, and academic success in every student; and

6 WHEREAS, Kenwood Elementary School provides state-of-the-art technology in
7 classrooms and the computer lab. The school employs master teachers who participate in
8 a weekly professional learning community to determine how to meet the needs of each
9 student. Kenwood Elementary School is part of the Compassionate Schools Project,
10 focusing on mindfulness, awareness, and service learning. The school offers Advance
11 Program and English as a Second Language services to ensure academic success; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
13 provides additional resources for vulnerable students and federal grants to state
14 educational agencies to improve the quality of public elementary and secondary
15 education. Through the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators
16 (NAESPA), the association works to see that all children have the opportunity to receive
17 a high-quality education and ensures compliance with federal regulations; and

18 WHEREAS, since 1996, NAESPA has been selecting examples of superior,
19 federally funded school programs for national recognition through the National ESEA
20 Distinguished Schools program. These schools demonstrate a wide array of strengths,
21 including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development
22 opportunities for staff, individualized programs for student success, and strong
23 partnerships between the school, parents, and the community; and

24 WHEREAS, during the 2022 National ESEA Conference, 49 schools from across
25 the nation were named a 2021 National ESEA Distinguished School by the NAESPA.
26 Only two schools per state can be selected as a National ESEA Distinguished School each
27 year in one of three categories. Category 1 highlights schools that have exceptional

1 student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years. Category 2
2 highlights schools that have closed the achievement gap between student groups for two
3 or more consecutive years. Category 3 highlights schools that show an excellence in
4 serving special populations of students, such as homeless students, migrant students, or,
5 English learners; and

6 WHEREAS, Kenwood Elementary School was one of two Kentucky schools to be
7 named a 2021 National ESEA Distinguished School. Kenwood Elementary School was
8 one of only 13 schools across the nation to receive a distinguished school designation
9 under Category 3 for its excellence in serving special populations of students;

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 the Kenwood Elementary School upon being named a 2021 National ESEA
15 Distinguished School.

16 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the
17 Kenwood Elementary School.

18 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
19 Resolution to Senator David Yates.