

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the centennial anniversary of Murray State University.

2 WHEREAS, on March 8, 1922, Senate Bill 14 was signed into law by Governor
3 Edwin P. Morrow authorizing the establishment of two educational normal schools,
4 including one in the western part of the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, on September 2, 1922, the city of Murray was chosen as the site of the
6 western state normal school, which eventually became known as Murray State University,
7 after the school's founder, Dr. Rainey T. Wells, a prominent Calloway County attorney
8 and former member of the Kentucky General Assembly, led a spirited group of Calloway
9 County citizens in raising \$117,000 to ensure that Murray would be the location of the
10 new normal school; and

11 WHEREAS, after opening its doors to 202 students on September 24, 1923, Dr.
12 Wells, along with the school's first president, Dr. John Wesley Carr, quickly worked
13 together to make Murray State University "the finest place we know," as the university's
14 alma mater can attest; and

15 WHEREAS, 100 years from its creation, Murray State University continues to
16 educate students from across the Commonwealth and beyond and has become a nationally
17 and internationally recognized institution known for its academic rigor and the personal,
18 quality educational experience that every student receives upon enrolling; and

19 WHEREAS, over the course of 100 years, Murray State has evolved from a small,
20 rural normal school to a comprehensive university with nearly 150 academic programs, a
21 campus comprising nearly 200 buildings on over 1,700 acres, students from 50 countries
22 and nearly every state, and more than 75,000 alumni worldwide; and

23 WHEREAS, Murray State University has become a major economic force within
24 the Commonwealth, generating a \$500 million economic impact annually to the state;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
27 *Kentucky:*

1 ➡Section 1. The Senate hereby honors and celebrates the centennial anniversary
2 of Murray State University and recognizes the proud legacy of important benefits and
3 contributions Murray State has made to the Commonwealth throughout its rich history.

4 ➡Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
5 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell.