

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Murray High School Tiger Band.

2 WHEREAS, the primary focus of the mission statement of the Murray Independent
3 School District within Murray, Kentucky, is "A Tradition of Excellence: Every Student,
4 Every Day." The Murray Independent School District strives to provide excellence for
5 students through quality instruction and by assisting each student to achieve their
6 individual abilities; and

7 WHEREAS, for five consecutive decades, the leadership of the Murray High
8 School Tiger Band has demonstrated these values in helping its students and program
9 achieve national recognition. In 1977, the Murray High School Tiger Band was named the
10 Bands of America Small Division and Overall National Champion. In 1980, the band was
11 invited to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. In 1997, the band was
12 named the KMEA Class State Runner Up, and has received this distinction an additional
13 five times. Since 2004, the Murray High School Tiger Band has been named the KMEA
14 Regional Class 1A, 2A, or 3A Champion. Since 2005, the band has advanced to the
15 KMEA State Finals and on three occasions, including in 2021, the band has been named
16 the KMEA State Champions. In 2019, the Murray High School Tiger Band received its
17 first John Philip Sousa Sudler Shield Nomination and was a recipient of the award in
18 2021. Additionally, in 2021, the band was a Bands of America Grand National
19 Semifinalist and was named the Bands of America Class 1A National Champion; and

20 WHEREAS, during the preliminaries for the Bands of America competition, the
21 Murray High School Tiger Band competed against 99 bands from across the country for a
22 spot in the semifinals. Upon reaching the semifinals, the band faced 33 other marching
23 bands. The Murray High School Tiger Band placed first in Class 1A with a score of
24 76.375, almost two points ahead of the second-place finisher; and

25 WHEREAS, upon returning to the heartland of Kentucky, the Murray High School
26 Tiger Band concluded its 2021 marching season for family and friends with the national
27 award-winning show, "Ecstasy of Gold"; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2010, Tim Zeiss was named the Murray High School band director.
2 Mr. Zeiss's personal teaching mission coincides with the overall mission of Murray
3 Independent School District. He believes that music is a powerful catalyst for personal
4 growth. Since being named the Murray High School Tiger Band director, he has built the
5 foundation of his curriculum through developing the musicianship of all students. Mr.
6 Zeiss believes that lessons and qualities derived from hard work, the self-discipline
7 needed for excellence, the empathy required of making music, and the openness and
8 inquisitiveness essential to creativity, are critical to achievement in any pursuit, musical
9 or otherwise. This philosophy has shown through with not only the band's
10 accomplishments, but also with being named the 2019-2020 1st District Kentucky Music
11 Education Association High School Teacher of the Year;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
14 *Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate congratulate and honor the Murray High
16 School Tiger Band on its numerous achievements over the years.

17 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate commend the dedicated leadership of
18 Tim Zeiss and recognize the student leadership of the Murray High School Tiger Band,
19 drum major Emily Burditt, section leader Julianna Avila, color guard captain Leigha
20 Mann, and all members of the Murray High School Tiger Band.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell for delivery to the Murray High School Tiger Band.