

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Union County High School Braves Wrestling Team,
2 2022 Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Wrestling Champions.

3 WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 2022, at George Rogers Clark High School in
4 Winchester, the Union County Braves captured the 2022 Kentucky High School Athletic
5 Association (KHSAA) State Wrestling championship with a score of 200.5 points, 62
6 points better than the runners-up from Johnson Central High School; and

7 WHEREAS, the Braves were a model of consistency at the championship meet,
8 placing wrestlers among the top eight positions in nine of the 14 weight classes contested;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Braves boasted four individual state champions: Jayden Raney in
11 the 106 pound weight class, with a season match record of 40 wins against no losses;
12 Jordyn Raney in the 113 pound class (41-0); Trayce Eckman in the 126 pound class (36-
13 3); and Stephen Little in the 190 pound class (41-2); and

14 WHEREAS, during their dominating run over the weekend, Union County also had
15 wrestlers record three third-place finishes, one fourth-place finish, and one fifth-place
16 finish; and

17 WHEREAS, the Braves' 2022 championship was the 14th in school history,
18 breaking a tie with Woodford County High School and making Union County the
19 winningest wrestling program in history of the Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, this state championship was the seventh consecutive for the Braves; no
21 other school in Kentucky history has ever won more than three titles in a row; and

22 WHEREAS, other members of the Braves included Luke Thomas, Aiden Fowler,
23 Utah Heady, Tristan Griggs, Hunter Jenkins, Luke Beauchamp, Max Morris, Jeremy Ray,
24 Cameron Vinson, Abe Fletcher, Tanya Bacon, Glenn Mayes, Jake Dowdy, Luke Ricketts,
25 Tristan Moore, Gavin Ricketts, Caden Polites, Paxton Ervin, Corithian Seales, Hunter
26 Pogue, Davis Pike, KShaun Brown, Leland Fought, Keaton Garrett, and Gage
27 Clevidence; and

1 WHEREAS, the Braves were led to the title by head coach Robert Ervin, who, by
2 winning his eighth title as head coach this year, tied Rusty Parks of Woodford County for
3 the all-time Kentucky record; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Ervin was assisted by assistant coaches Jarvis Elam, Brooks
5 Black, Robert Ervin, Scott Raney, Brad Ervin, Raynel Brown, and Tim Ervin; and

6 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the Union County Braves Wrestling
7 Team, as well as their ceaseless dedication to one of the most grueling and intense sports
8 contested in scholastic athletics, are worthy of public recognition and respect, as they
9 have cemented their place in the annals of Kentucky sports history;

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 this Senate do hereby recognize and honor the 2022
14 Union County High School Braves Wrestling Team, Coach Robert Ervin, all the assistant
15 coaches and support staff, and the entire school community on the team's 2022 KHSAA
16 State Wrestling Championship, and wish the team good fortune in all future endeavors.

17 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
18 Senator Robbie Mills for presentation to the team.