

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Senator Matt Castlen upon his retirement from the
2 Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Matt Castlen was born August 14, 1986, and grew up working
4 on the family farm in Daviess County. He graduated from Daviess County High School.
5 Senator Castlen earned a welding degree from Owensboro Community and Technical
6 College and began welding in a shop in his backyard. In 2009, he and his wife, Laura,
7 formed Castlen Steel, LLC. Since then, the Castlens have diversified and expanded the
8 company to include a new 92 acre transloading facility on the former Green River Steel
9 property on the Ohio River; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Castlen, his wife, Laura, and their three children reside in
11 Owensboro in Daviess County. He takes great pride in his community involvement,
12 including serving as a board member for the Greater Owensboro Chapter of Kentucky
13 Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education, a member of Huts for Haiti Mission
14 Team, a District Three Representative for the Kentucky Corn Growers Association, and a
15 deacon at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to his service in the Senate, Senator Castlen represented District
17 14 in the House of Representatives from January 2017 to December 31, 2018. Senator
18 Castlen was elected to the Senate and began to represent Daviess, Hancock, and McClean
19 counties in January 2019. In the Senate, Senator Castlen has served as chair of the Budget
20 Review Subcommittee on Economic Development and Tourism, Natural Resources and
21 Environmental Protection; chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human
22 Resources; co-chair of the Classification of Workers in the Construction Industry Task
23 Force; vice-chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture; and member on
24 Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee, Appropriations and Revenue
25 Committee, Natural Resources and Energy Committee, 2020-2022 Budget Preparation
26 and Submission Subcommittee, Public Water and Wastewater System Infrastructure Task
27 Force, and Agriculture Subcommittee on Rural Issues; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Castlen has sponsored a bill that became law prohibiting
2 abortions upon a finding of a fetal heartbeat. Senator Castlen also sponsored a bill
3 regarding the emergency powers of the executive branch, limiting the time for executive
4 orders without calling the General Assembly into special session; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Castlen is rightfully honored on this day for his exemplary
6 service to the Commonwealth as a member of the Senate. Senator Castlen's work on
7 behalf of his constituents for four years in the Senate and previous term in the House of
8 Representatives is justly acknowledged by this body. Senator Castlen is commended for
9 his honorable service to his district and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and granted best
10 wishes for the next chapter in his life;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

14 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby salute the Senator from Daviess 8,
15 Senator Matt Castlen; express their sincere appreciation for his service to this community,
16 the General Assembly, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon his retirement.

17 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Senator
18 Matt Castlen.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
20 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery.