

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Senator Dennis Parrett upon his retirement from the  
2 Senate.

3           WHEREAS, Senator Dennis Parrett was born on October 30, 1959, and graduated  
4 from West Hardin High School in 1977, and from the University of Kentucky in 1981  
5 with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Elizabethtown,  
6 and have three daughters, Devan, Dayna, and Kristen, and four grandchildren;

7           WHEREAS, Senator Parrett is a former County Extension Service Agent and has  
8 now retired from his business ventures as co-owner of Cecilia Farm Service and owner of  
9 Kentucky Crop Insurance Agency; however, he is still involved in farming by working  
10 alongside his in-laws and other partners; and

11           WHEREAS, Senator Parrett was elected by the citizens of Hardin County and part  
12 of Jefferson County in 2010, and has served those constituents for three terms. Senator  
13 Parrett has served the Hardin County community in numerous ways, serving as a member,  
14 officer, or chair of boards, bureaus, associations, and chambers. He was a recipient of the  
15 Hardin County Schools Distinguished Alumni Award and the Hardin County Farm  
16 Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, as well as many other awards. He is  
17 a member of, and served in numerous capacities for, the St. John the Baptist Catholic  
18 Church in Rineyville; and

19           WHEREAS, Senator Parrett served as a member of the Legislative Research  
20 Commission and as minority whip for his caucus. During his time as a member of the  
21 Senate, Senator Parrett has served as a member of the following Senate Standing  
22 committees: Health and Welfare; Banking and Insurance; Veterans, Military Affairs and  
23 Public Protection; Agriculture; Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor; and  
24 Appropriations and Revenue. He has also served as a member of the following Senate  
25 Standing Subcommittees: Budget Review Subcommittee on Education; Budget Review  
26 Subcommittee on Transportation; Budget Review Subcommittee on General  
27 Government, Finance, and Public Protection; and Agriculture subcommittees on Horse

1 Farming and Equine Issues. Additionally, he has served as a member of the following  
2 statutory and special committees: Kentucky Retirement Systems Administrative; Tobacco  
3 Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee; Health Issues and Aging; Student  
4 Access to Technology Task Force; Economic Development Task Force; State Police and  
5 Safety Measures; Workers' Compensation Task Force; Public Pension Oversight Board;  
6 Tax Expenditures Task Force; Area Development District Working Group; Exceptional  
7 Support Waiver Services Task Force; and 1915c Home and Community Based Services  
8 Waiver Redesign Task Force; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Parrett has been a champion for the young and innocent of our  
10 society by enacting legislation to ensure that special needs students receive a diploma;  
11 and that newborns be tested for blood oxygen levels to ensure that they are healthy, and  
12 co-creating the "Sunny Page" program encouraging children with special needs to serve  
13 as pages for the Senate. Senator Parrett sponsored the Brianna Taylor Act. which is now  
14 law, regarding Kentucky's DUI convictions. Senator Parrett was also championed for  
15 financial literacy to be taught in schools, which was later passed and became law; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Dennis Parrett is rightfully honored on this day for his  
17 outstanding service to the Commonwealth as a member of the Senate. Because of Senator  
18 Parrett's tireless work on behalf of his constituents in his hometown and his achievements  
19 as a state senator, he is commended and granted best wishes as he begins the next chapter  
20 of his life;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
23 ***Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby salute the Senator from Hardin,  
25 Senator Dennis Parrett, and express their sincere appreciation for his service to his  
26 community, the General Assembly, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

27 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Senator

- 1 Dennis Parrett.
- 2       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 3 resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery.