

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the cross-country and track teams at Liberty Elementary
2 School.

3 WHEREAS, in 2016, Liberty Elementary School in Lexington, Kentucky, had a
4 need to begin a cross-country and track program. During the inaugural year, Lindsey
5 Roberts became head coach of the boys and girls teams and began to lay the foundation
6 for a championship cross-country and track team; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2016, Liberty Elementary School registered its first boys and girls
8 cross-country teams. In 2017, the school began its first boys and girls track teams; and

9 WHEREAS, since the teams' inceptions, participation and rankings have grown
10 statewide with the Kentucky Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association (KTCCCA).
11 At the conclusion of the 2020 cross-country season during the KTCCCA state
12 championship meet, the girls' team was named state champions and the boys' team placed
13 third in the 4th grade and under divisions. During the 2021 cross-country season, the
14 boys' team was undefeated going into the 2021 KTCCCA state championship meet. Both
15 the boys' and girls' teams were named state champions of the 4th grade and under
16 division. To commemorate the 2021 cross-country season, six members of the team were
17 named to the 4th grade and under all-state cross-country team: Emma Clark, Maggie
18 Henderson, Evie Wiles, Brooklynn Helton, Tripp Hudspeth, and Kingston Hudspeth.
19 Additionally, Kingston Hudspeth was named the 2021 individual state champion; and

20 WHEREAS, since 2017, the boys' and girls' track teams have excelled at the same
21 pace as the cross-country teams. On May 18, 2019, at the KTCCCA Elementary State
22 Championship, the girls' track team was named overall state champions and the boys'
23 track team placed 3rd overall. The 2020 KTCCCA Elementary State Championship was
24 cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, the boys' and girls' track teams
25 managed to adapt their practice habits and continued to prepare for the 2021 track season.
26 The 81 students, specializing in numerous track and field events, participated in the May
27 29, 2021, KTCCCA Elementary State Championship, and the boys' and girls' track teams

1 were both named overall state champions; and

2 WHEREAS, with the support of assistant coaches Leah Park, Kevin Kyde, Eric
3 Harshman, and Rick Ingram, Coach Roberts is prepared to take the boys' and girl's track
4 teams to defend the state championship titles at the KTCCCA Elementary State
5 Championship on May 21, 2022. Coach Roberts and his coaching team look forward to
6 more championship years with future cross-country and track seasons;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
9 *Kentucky:*

10 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
11 hereby honor the Liberty Elementary boys' and girls' cross-country and track teams upon
12 winning the state championships in cross-country and track.

13 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Liberty
14 Elementary School cross-country and track teams.

15 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
16 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas.