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

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

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

WHEREAS, since the teams' inceptions, participation and rankings have grown statewide with the Kentucky Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association (KTCCCA).

At the conclusion of the 2020 cross-country season during the KTCCCA state championship meet, the girls' team was named state champions and the boys' team placed third in the 4th grade and under divisions. During the 2021 cross-country season, the boys' team was undefeated going into the 2021 KTCCCA state championship meet. Both the boys' and girls' teams were named state champions of the 4th grade and under division. To commemorate the 2021 cross-country season, six members of the team were named to the 4th grade and under all-state cross-country team: Emma Clark, Maggie Henderson, Evie Wiles, Brooklynn Helton, Tripp Hudspeth, and Kingston Hudspeth. Additionally, Kingston Hudspeth was named the 2021 individual state champion; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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

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