

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the extraordinary service of Senator C.B. Embry Jr. to  
2 the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon his retirement from the General Assembly.

3           WHEREAS, born in 1941, Senator C.B. Embry is a native son of Kentucky and is  
4 renowned for his respect, courtesy, and tireless resolve; and

5           WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry is the embodiment of a public servant, a man who  
6 holds in high esteem and reverence his role and duty as a legislator of this great  
7 Commonwealth and who strives to serve his fellow man during times of trouble; and

8           WHEREAS, with more than 50 years of experience, Senator C.B. Embry has been  
9 elected to public office 12 times to five different offices. He has excelled as a member of  
10 the Kentucky Senate representing District 6 and is proud to be the oldest member in the  
11 chamber. Prior to his tenure in the Senate, he served as a state Representative in the  
12 Kentucky House of Representatives for District 17 from 2002 to 2014. Senator Embry has  
13 successfully sponsored legislation signed into law by five different Governors; and

14           WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry was active as a general manager for Hughes &  
15 Coleman from 1996 to 2000. Additionally, Senator Embry thrived as the co-owner of  
16 Embry's Valley Shopping Center in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, from 1974 to 1995; and

17           WHEREAS, in 1991, Senator C.B. Embry worked as the organization chairman for  
18 Larry J. Hopkins's campaign for the Governor of Kentucky. Furthermore, he held a  
19 number of positions with the Ohio County Government in Kentucky, including as the  
20 County Judge/Executive from 1982 to 1989, the director of the United States Department  
21 of Labor's comprehensive employment and training act from 1978 to 1981, a judge from  
22 1974 to 1977, and the chairman for the Republican Committees for the First  
23 Congressional District of Kentucky from 1975 to 1978 and Ohio County from 1975 to  
24 1977; and

25           WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry was the youngest elected Mayor of Beaver Dam  
26 and served from 1970 to 1973, and he was a dedicated teacher at Horse Branch Junior  
27 High School from 1969 to 1970 and at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School from 1964 to

1 1965; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry began his career as the general manager for  
3 Embry Newspapers, Incorporated, from 1963 to 1973, a role he returned to from 1978 to  
4 1989; and

5 WHEREAS, before embarking on his professional path, Senator C.B. Embry  
6 pursued his education at Western Kentucky University, earning a Bachelor of Science in  
7 geography and English in 1963. Subsequently, he continued his academic efforts at the  
8 Kentucky Institute for Economic Development sponsored by the University of Kentucky  
9 in 1986 and the University of Louisville in 1992. In addition, Senator C.B. Embry  
10 completed course work at Duke University and Kentucky Wesleyan College; and

11 WHEREAS, beyond his responsibilities in the Kentucky General Assembly,  
12 Senator C.B. Embry served as an editor for the Ohio County Messenger from 1963 to  
13 1989 and as the co-chairman for the Republican National Federation of local and state  
14 programs. Senator Embry was elected twice by the Kentucky Republican Party and served  
15 two terms as State Treasurer; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator C. B. Embry found success with his written works as well,  
17 authoring "How To Add Years To Your Life" in 1979, "Down the Beaver Trail," a short  
18 story for "Melody of Death," and articles for a number of journals; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry is affiliated with various organizations in relation  
20 to his areas of expertise. He is a former vice president of the Kentucky County  
21 Judge/Executive Association, the former president of the Ohio County Historical Society,  
22 and former chairman and a board director for the Green River Area Development District;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, as a pillar of his community, Senator C.B. Embry is involved as a  
25 member of Gideons International; Promise Keepers; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; the  
26 Scottish Rite; the Chambers of Commerce of Butler, Grayson, Ohio, and Hopkins  
27 Counties, Madisonville, Greater Muhlenberg County and Dawson Springs; the Grayson

1 County Anti-Drug Coalition; the Butler County Shrine Club; the Butler County Area  
2 Technology Center Steering Committee; the Butler County Boys and Girls Club Board of  
3 Directors; and the Council on Crime and Delinquency. He also serves as a Sunday school  
4 director and deacon at First Baptist Church in Morgantown, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, in light of his exceptional undertakings, Senator C.B. Embry has  
6 accrued several accolades throughout his impressive career. He was honorably recognized  
7 as the Ohio County Citizen of the Year in 1982; the Outstanding Young Republican in  
8 the Nation in 1975 which was awarded by the Honorable George H. Bush; Beaver Dam's  
9 Outstanding Young Man in 1969 and 1973; and an Outstanding Community Leader by  
10 Butler County, Kentucky. In 1970, he was presented with the George Washington Honor  
11 Medal for patriotism from the national Freedoms Foundation; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry was the recipient of the "Champion of the 50+"  
13 lifetime legislative leadership award by AARP Kentucky in 2021 for his significant  
14 leadership achievements benefiting Kentuckians age 50 and older and their families,  
15 including advancing telehealth, providing resources for the state's COVID-19 response to  
16 residents of long-term care facilities, and maintaining home-based services for aging  
17 Kentuckians in their communities and family caregivers. Additionally, in 2019 he  
18 received the Freedom Fighter Award from the Kentucky Motorcycle Association, and in  
19 2020, he received the Humane Legislator Award for his sponsorship of SB 21, allowing  
20 veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse. Additionally, in 2022, he received the  
21 Retired Friend of Education Award from retired teachers; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of many talents, Senator C.B. Embry once appeared on the  
23 American Bandstand Show and had the opportunity to meet and talk with host Dick  
24 Clark. He met David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Michael Reagan,  
25 President Ronald Reagan's son; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry served in the House of Representatives from 2002  
27 to 2014 and was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 2014. He has dutifully served as a

1 member on the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Natural  
2 Resources and Energy, and Committee on Transportation, as well as the State Police  
3 Safety Measures Task Force. Senator Embry served as Co-Chair of the Tobacco  
4 Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee and Chair of the Budget Review  
5 Subcommittee on Education, and he currently serves as the Chair of the Veterans,  
6 Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry grew up witnessing his mother's and father's  
8 dedication to public service, and he was drawn to the fields of education and service to  
9 the citizens of the Commonwealth. Noted for his hands-on approach and exemplary  
10 devotion to his clients, customers, and constituents, Senator C.B. Embry proudly recalls  
11 passing a bill that allowed patients to try experimental forms of medication with a least  
12 one round of clinical studies after being told by a primary physician that all options were  
13 exhausted. Similar legislation has since been passed nationwide; and

14 WHEREAS, known as a man of faith and integrity, Senator C.B. Embry is a  
15 devoted and loving husband to his wife, Wanda, and they will celebrate 60 years of  
16 wedded bliss on August 25, 2022. He is the father of three children, Laura, Barbara, and  
17 C.B. III, and grandfather to four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator C.B. Embry has dutifully served the Commonwealth of  
19 Kentucky for most of his life and honored the great halls of the Capitol as a member of  
20 the General Assembly for the last 20 years. He exemplifies honor, integrity, and  
21 dedication, and will leave a void not easily filled in this chamber and in the hearts of this  
22 body;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate does hereby honor the extraordinary service of  
27 Senator C.B. Embry Jr. to the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon his retirement from this

1    august body. His commitment and dedication to public service will forever be etched in  
2    the hearts and minds of all who served with him.

3            ➔Section 2.    When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the  
4    steadfast service of Senator C.B. Embry to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the  
5    General Assembly.

6            ➔Section 3.    The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
7    Resolution to the Office of Senator Damon Thayer for delivery to Senator C.B. Embry.