

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. H. Keith Spears upon his November 2021 induction  
2 as Campbellsville University's 11th President.

3           WHEREAS, a native of Wayne County, West Virginia, Dr. Spears earned a biology  
4 baccalaureate and master's degree in communication studies from Marshall University, a  
5 master's degree in communication from Central Michigan University, a doctorate in  
6 higher education leadership from West Virginia University, and post doctorate  
7 certifications from Harvard and Duke Universities; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Spears spent three decades at Marshall University in varying  
9 capacities from professor to vice president, codirected a multimillion dollar campaign,  
10 established the award winning "We Are...Marshall" brand, was the chief consultant on the  
11 Warner Bros. film project of the same name, and served in the West Virginia Governor's  
12 Office for Education and the Arts; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Spears came to Campbellsville University in 2009 as Vice  
14 President for regional and graduate education and expanded the university's accessibility  
15 through off-campus, online, international, and graduate program development that saw  
16 new locations in Kentucky, California, India, and Ontario, Canada; and

17           WHEREAS, he has led efforts to enhance the communication impact of the  
18 university by moving broadcast services to digital transmission, increasing publications of  
19 the university's magazine, *The Campbellsvillian*, and developing the new Mass  
20 Communication Center that houses both broadcast and academic programs; and

21           WHEREAS, he is an active member in several chambers of commerce, is a Deacon  
22 in his home church, and he and his wife, Rita Kelly Spears, are the proud parents of two  
23 children and grandparents of three children; and

24           WHEREAS, in 2019, Dr. Spears was named Senior Vice President of  
25 Campbellsville University, and he was appointed Acting President following the  
26 retirement of his predecessor in December 2020; and

27           WHEREAS, the members of this body recognize the accomplishments and

1 milestones of Dr. H. Keith Spears and congratulate him on his achievements;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Dr. H. Keith Spears upon  
6 his induction to the Presidency of Campbellsville University and thank him for his service  
7 to the Commonwealth.

8 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in the honor of Dr.  
9 Spears.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
11 Resolution to Senator Max Wise for delivery to Dr. H. Keith Spears.