

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Rhyne Howard for her accomplishment of being
2 named 2022 WNBA Rookie of the Year.

3 WHEREAS, Rhyne Howard, former Kentucky Wildcat, is a member of the Atlanta
4 Dream and the Number One draft pick. Howard received 53 of 56 first-place votes to be
5 named 2022 WNBA Rookie of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Rhyne Howard finished her rookie WNBA year averaging 16.2 points,
7 4.5 rebounds, 2.8 assists, and 1.6 steals per game; and

8 WHEREAS, as a member of the University of Kentucky women's basketball team,
9 Rhyne Howard was named USBWA National Freshman of the Year and, in 2020 and
10 2021, SEC player of the year; and

11 WHEREAS, Rhyne Howard led the Wildcats to a thrilling, completely unexpected
12 SEC Tournament Championship by defeating the eventual National Champion South
13 Carolina Gamecocks; in the tournament, Howard averaged 22 points a game over the four
14 games and was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament; and

15 WHEREAS, Rhyne Howard became the first University of Kentucky player ever
16 drafted Number One overall by a WNBA franchise; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 27, 2022, Rhyne Howard became only the third Wildcat
18 for the University of Kentucky women's basketball team to score her 2,000th point.
19 Rhyne Howard left Lexington as the program's all-time top three-point shooter and a
20 two-time SEC Player of the Year, having started 114 games over the course of her four-
21 year career with the Wildcats with a total of 2,290 points; and

22 WHEREAS, Rhyne Howard was a member of Zeta Phi Beta, a historically African
23 American sorority, and organized a Unity Fair and Social Justice March on campus and
24 was joined by dozens of student-athletes and hundreds of fellow community members;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

- 1 ➡Section 1. The members of the Kentucky Senate hereby recognize Rhyne
2 Howard for her accomplishment of receiving the WNBA Rookie of the Year award.
- 3 ➡Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall deliver a copy to Senator Reginald
4 Thomas for delivery to Rhyne Howard.