

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the 100th anniversary of Fern Creek High School.

2 WHEREAS, Fern Creek High School was founded in 1923 as the first public high
3 school in Jefferson County and started with 25 students; and

4 WHEREAS, the original school building had one floor and a basement consisting
5 of four classrooms; and

6 WHEREAS, by 1929, the school had grown to include a library, principal's office,
7 lunchroom, gymnasium, auditorium, and 12 classrooms and to field a football, basketball,
8 and baseball team; and

9 WHEREAS, during the 1930s, despite the challenges of The Great Depression, the
10 school's students continued to thrive in their small school, as the first school paper was
11 published and the school band was established; and

12 WHEREAS, construction of a new high school was completed in 1941, and during
13 the years of World War II, the school served the important role of strengthening family
14 and community bonds in times of uncertainty; and

15 WHEREAS, the school had grown to 772 students by 1950, leading to the addition
16 of a new wing in 1954. School spirit and community involvement were hallmarks of the
17 school, and by 1956, enrollment hit a record high of 1,620 students; and

18 WHEREAS, during the 1960s, the school used double sessions for three years to
19 deal with overcrowding and, by 1968, enrollment had grown to 2,320. The school
20 continued to be a central focus of the Fern Creek community, and the students continued
21 the traditions of many clubs, sports, and activities; and

22 WHEREAS, Fern Creek High School dealt with a decade of changes during the
23 1970s as a new school wing was constructed, the Louisville City School and Jefferson
24 County School systems merged, and court-ordered busing began in the fall of 1975; and

25 WHEREAS, after the school board proposed to close Fern Creek High School in
26 1981 due to budget cuts and enrollment, the Fern Creek community rallied in support of
27 their beloved school to stop the proposed closing; and

1 WHEREAS, since that time, Fern Creek High School has continued its journey of
2 excellence, and today offers a variety of learning opportunities and career pathways with
3 more than 70 different activities, sports, and activities available to its more than 1,700
4 students; and

5 WHEREAS, over the past 100 years, Fern Creek High school has served as a center
6 of the community and a hub of learning, educating thousands of students and generations
7 of Louisville families;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
10 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

11 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes and celebrates the
12 100th anniversary of Fern Creek High School and honors its rich history and legacy as
13 the first public high school in Jefferson County.

14 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to Representative Kevin Bratcher.