

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Velvet Milkman, Head Women's Golf Coach at Murray
2 State University, upon the occasion of her retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Velvet Jones Milkman, a native of Murray, Kentucky, graduated from
4 Murray High School and was the 1981 Kentucky High School Athletic Association
5 Individual Girls' Golf champion; and

6 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman graduated from the University of Alabama in 1987
7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance, and was a member of an outstanding
8 women's golf team that finished ninth in the 1987 NCAA Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, after her collegiate career ended, Velvet Milkman served as a student
10 assistant coach for the Crimson Tide and as an assistant golf professional at Temple Hills
11 Country Club in Franklin, Tennessee; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1993, Velvet Milkman was named the first coach of the Murray
13 State women's golf team, and over the past 29 years has built the Racers into the most
14 successful program in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC); and

15 WHEREAS, under Velvet Milkman's tutelage, the Racers have won 12 Ohio Valley
16 Championships, including their latest title in 2019, and on three separate occasions, have
17 won three conference titles in a row; and

18 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman's Racers have completed in the NCAA Regional Golf
19 Tournaments on six separate occasions; and

20 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman has coached seven different players who have won a
21 total of nine individual OVC championships, ten players who were named OVC Player of
22 the Year, 53 players who made the All-OVC team, and eight players who have played in
23 the professional ranks; and

24 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman's teams have also won four OVC Academic
25 Achievement Awards; and

26 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman served as the Senior Women's Athletic Administrator
27 for Murray State for many years and has also served as the Interim Athletics Director

1 from July 2018 through February 2019; and

2 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman has received numerous individual accolades over the
3 years, including 12 OVC Coach of the Year awards. In 2022, she was awarded the
4 Gladys Palmer Meritorious Service Award from the Women's Golf Coaches Association
5 for her substantial contributions to the evolution and growth of women's collegiate golf;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, after 29 years at the helm of the Racer program, Velvet Milkman
8 recently announced her intention to retire and continue the next chapter of her life with
9 her husband Martin, an Economics professor at Murray State. The news of her retirement
10 has caused many to reflect on her contributions to the university; and

11 WHEREAS, Velvet Milkman's mark on Murray State University is perhaps best
12 summed up by the school's president, Dr. Bob Jackson, who noted, "Coach Velvet
13 Milkman is synonymous with success, class and character. She epitomizes everything a
14 university could want in a winning coach and athletic program. For 29 years, she has
15 competed at the highest level and is recognized as one of the finest coaches in the
16 country. Most importantly, Velvet has been a teacher, role model and mentor to
17 numerous student-athletes on and off the course and has left an indelible mark on Murray
18 State University."; and

19 WHEREAS, the Murray State Athletics Director said of her legacy, "While Velvet
20 Milkman is the winningest OVC Championship Coach in Murray State University
21 history, her greatest achievement resides in the young people she has mentored and her
22 impact on Murray State University beyond the golf course. With heavy but full hearts, we
23 wish Velvet and Martin the absolute best on their journey ahead, and thank them both for
24 their dedication, sacrifice and love for Murray State University."; and

25 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Velvet Milkman and her lasting impact on
26 Murray State University are worthy of public recognition and acclaim;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Jason Howell in applauding
4 the accomplishments of Murray State Women's Golf Coach Velvet Milkman over her 29-
5 year career with the Racers, congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her good
6 fortune in all future endeavors.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
8 Senator Jason Howell for presentation to Velvet Milkman.