

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating the career of Dr. Sheila Schuster.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Shelia Schuster earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from
3 the University of Louisville in 1973, and where she later served as an Adjunct Professor
4 of Psychology; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster spent 27 years in private practice, providing
6 psychological services to children and families while serving as a consultant to the
7 Louisville School for Autistic Children, the Louisville Deaf Oral School, the Louisville
8 Parent-Child Center, and Community Coordinated Child Care; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1982, Dr. Schuster helped establish and lead the Kentucky Mental
10 Health Coalition, which has given a voice to the most vulnerable Kentuckians and helped
11 the coalition's over 80 member organizations advocate for equity in mental health
12 treatment and recovery, ensuring no cry goes unheard; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster was elected the first executive director of the Kentucky
14 Psychological Association, serving from 1989 to 2000, after which she became the
15 association's state and federal liaison, a post she holds today; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster was appointed by Governor Paul Patton as the first
17 consumer representative of the Kentucky Department of Insurance's Health Insurance
18 Advisory Council and has completed two terms as the chair of the Foundation for a
19 Healthy Kentucky, having served on the foundation's board since its inception in 2001;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster is a member of the Kentucky Institute of Medicine's
22 inaugural class and is a graduate of Leadership Louisville; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster led the Advocacy Action Network, an umbrella
24 organization which includes numerous advocacy groups addressing health care, mental
25 health, social justice, and disability issues; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster announced her retirement from the Advocacy Action
27 Network effective in 2023; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster has been awarded and honored for her steadfast
2 dedication to the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens numerous times over her
3 illustrious career and her advocacy has given hope to and changed the lives of millions of
4 Kentuckians by making their experiences known to policy makers; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Schuster's retirement from the Advocacy Acton Network will
6 leave large shoes to fill, but the causes she advanced over her long career will continue to
7 improve the lives of Kentuckians;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor the career of Dr. Sheila
12 Schuster and congratulate her on her retirement from the Advocacy Action Network.

13 ➔Section 2. The clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator John Schickel for delivery.