

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the extraordinary service of Senator Ralph Alvarado to
2 the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon his retirement from the General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, born in 1970 in San Francisco, and raised in Pacifica and San Jose,
4 California, Senator Ralph Alvarado is renowned for his passion, intellect, and
5 commitment to the field of medicine, public health, and care for his patients; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado's father is from Costa Rica and his mother is
7 from Argentina; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado graduated from Bellarmine College
9 Preparatory in San Jose in 1988, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1990 and a
10 Doctor of Medicine in 1994 from Loma Linda University in California; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado completed his medical residency in internal
12 medicine at the University of Kentucky and has since lived in Winchester, Kentucky,
13 with his wife of 28 years, Dawn, and their two children, Nathan and Sarina; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 2014
15 to represent the 28th district, which included part of Fayette County and all of Bath,
16 Clark, Menifee, and Montgomery Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado was the first person of Hispanic origin to be
18 elected to the Kentucky General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, in the first four months of taking his seat, Senator Ralph Alvarado
20 sponsored eight bills that passed the Senate, more than any other Senator; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado was asked by United States Senator Rand
22 Paul to introduce him as he announced his campaign for President in 2016; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado spoke at the 2016 Republican National
24 Convention; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado was chosen to be Governor Matt Bevin's
26 running mate in the 2019 Kentucky gubernatorial election; and

27 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado served with distinction as chair of the Senate

1 Health and Welfare Committee from 2019 to 2023, the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory
2 Committee from 2015 to 2019, the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources
3 from 2015 to 2017, the Substance Use Recovery Task Force in 2020, and the Diabetes
4 Medical Emergency Response Task Force in 2018, as well as serving as a member of
5 many other committees and task forces; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado has received numerous honors for his medical
7 service, including the Winchester Sun Readers' Choice Award for Best Physician, the
8 Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities Better Life Award, the Shining Scalpel
9 Award from the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, and the American
10 College of Physicians-Kentucky Laureate Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado received awards for political advocacy,
12 including the Champion for Justice Award from the Kentucky Coalition against Domestic
13 Violence, the Lexington Medical Society Jack Trever Award for Community Service, the
14 MediStar's Physician of the Year Award, the Outstanding Service Award from Leading
15 Age Kentucky, the Belles and Beaus Ball Advocacy Award from the American Cancer
16 Society, the Advocacy Award from the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and
17 Nurse Midwives, the Most Valuable Person Award from the Kentucky Chamber of
18 Commerce, and many others too numerous to mention; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Alvarado has served as member of the Kentucky Medical
20 Association's Board of Trustees, the American Medical Association, the Clark County
21 Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Right to Life, and as a Fellow of the American
22 College of Physicians; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous legislative responsibilities, Senator Ralph
24 Alvarado is Chief Executive Officer and Owner of Alvarado Medical Services, Regional
25 Medical Director of KentuckyOne Medical Group, a Hospitalist at Clark Regional
26 Medical Center, Medical Director at Isaiah House Treatment Center, a volunteer
27 physician with RAPHA Ministries, and previously served as Chief of Staff at Saint

1 Joseph East Hospital in Lexington and Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado is a deacon at Grace Baptist Church in
4 Winchester; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado served as a member of the executive
6 committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, completed the Toll
7 Fellowship with the Council of State Governments, and is a Milbank Memorial Fund
8 Fellow; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Ralph Alvarado championed reforms of medical tort claims
10 and medical negligence reporting, improvements to long-term care and assisted living
11 facilities, transformation of pharmacy benefit claims and Medicaid managed care, and
12 many other legislative initiatives to improve the access and quality of health care for all
13 citizens of the Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, serving in the General Assembly for only 7 years, Senator Ralph
15 Alvarado has made an outstanding and long-lasting impact on the health and welfare of
16 Kentuckians and his retirement leaves a legacy for others to emulate;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate does hereby honor the extraordinary service of
21 Senator Ralph Alvarado to the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon his retirement from the
22 General Assembly and wishes him well with his future public service as commissioner of
23 the Department of Health with the State of Tennessee.

24 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the
25 extraordinary service of Senator Ralph Alvarado to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and
26 the General Assembly.

27 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery to Senator Ralph Alvarado.