

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Richard and Teresa Gilbert, the first
2 ever parents of sisters serving concurrently in the Kentucky General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, Richard and Teresa Gilbert married in 1986; and

4 WHEREAS, they had two biological children, Adrienne Gilbert in 1988 and
5 Courtney Gilbert in 1989; and

6 WHEREAS, Teresa Gilbert grew up on a farm in LaRue County, Kentucky, served
7 13 years in the United States Army, was a strict disciplinarian for her daughters, and
8 taught her daughters to work hard and play later; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Gilbert was a third generation chiropractor in Illinois, whose
10 grandfather was an early pioneer in the field of chiropractic in the 1920s when those who
11 practiced it were persecuted by the medical association to the point of being jailed on a
12 regular basis; and

13 WHEREAS, Teresa Gilbert sent Courtney to the TeenPact program at the Kentucky
14 State Capitol in 2007, where Adrienne accompanied her; and

15 WHEREAS, Richard Gilbert supported Adrienne's interests in further political and
16 policy engagement and drove her to Frankfort to attend and speak at committee hearings
17 in 2009 and 2010, after which she continued her public service well into her adult years;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Adrienne Gilbert married and moved to Anderson County, Kentucky,
20 in 2015, and Courtney Gilbert has remained in LaRue County, Kentucky, where the
21 sisters grew up; and

22 WHEREAS, Adrienne was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 2020, when the late
23 Governor Julian Carroll retired, leaving an open seat in Kentucky's 7th Senate District;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Courtney Gilbert was elected to the Kentucky House of
26 Representatives in 2024, in a special election, when Representative Brandon Reed
27 resigned, creating a vacant seat in Kentucky's 24th House District; and

1 WHEREAS, Adrienne Southworth and Courtney Gilbert are the first sisters to serve
2 in the Kentucky General Assembly, and among one of the first set of sisters in the
3 country to serve concurrently. The only other documented sisters to have served in other
4 legislatures concurrently are a set of sisters in California and another in Congress;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
7 *Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

8 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly recognizes Richard and Teresa Gilbert for
9 their dedication to parenting their daughters and continuing to engage in their life
10 endeavors.

11 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly hereby thanks Richard and Teresa Gilbert for
12 their years of contributions which have harvested into an historic moment of public
13 service by both daughters, Adrienne Southworth and Courtney Gilbert, as members of the
14 State Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, serving together in the 2024
15 General Assembly.