

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Chief Greg Estes on being named the 2023 Kentucky  
2 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.

3           WHEREAS, Greg Estes began working in fire departments as a Junior Firefighter  
4 at the age of 15. He has been a member of the Owenton Volunteer Fire Department,  
5 Owen County Volunteer Fire Department, and the Owen County Search and Rescue  
6 Squad since 1987; and

7           WHEREAS, in 2018, Greg Estes was elected chief of the Owen County Search and  
8 Rescue Squad. In 2021, he was appointed fire chief of the Owenton Volunteer Fire  
9 Department and elected fire chief of the Owen County Volunteer Fire Department. Chief  
10 Estes is the first to hold the office of chief in all three departments at the same time  
11 within Owen County; and

12           WHEREAS, Chief Estes sets the standard of safe, efficient, and effective delivery  
13 of service to the citizens of Owen County. He participates in quarterly disaster emergency  
14 services meetings and works with three other volunteer fire departments. In 2022, Chief  
15 Estes worked with other fire chiefs and the Owen County Emergency Medical Services  
16 administrator to evaluate Owen County's preplanned landing zones for aeromedical  
17 flights that are routinely required by emergency medical services to evacuate the  
18 critically ill or injured. Chief Estes coordinated with helicopter crews and property  
19 owners to ensure that each area of Owen County has a safe, accessible landing zone in  
20 close proximity; and

21           WHEREAS, Chief Estes demonstrates fiscal responsibility of his fire departments.  
22 He successfully secures grants and ensures the departments apply for any available grant  
23 from the Kentucky Fire Commission, Division of Forestry, Office of Homeland Security,  
24 and any corporate partner that the departments may be eligible for; and

25           WHEREAS, Chief Estes is an advocate for professional development and  
26 encourages his department members to earn certifications, participate in continuing  
27 education opportunities, and attend basic academies; and

1           WHEREAS, Chief Estes is a consummate public servant. Through his construction  
2 company he has overseen the building of public memorials, repairing the city fire station,  
3 and sponsoring community events that promote fire safety. Chief Estes additionally  
4 donates his time towards station and vehicle repairs in order to ensure money can be  
5 allocated towards new gear and equipment; and

6           WHEREAS, Chief Estes has spread his knowledge and kindness across the  
7 Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has donated his time, knowledge, and resources to  
8 assist with response to natural disasters within this state; and

9           WHEREAS, Chief Estes's motto of "Make it happen" has become a mantra of the  
10 departments he oversees. He believes the officers and members of the departments have a  
11 responsibility and authority to meet the needs of the community and state;

12           NOW, THEREFORE,

13 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
14 ***Kentucky:***

15           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Gex Williams in honoring  
16 Chief Greg Estes for his accomplished career and thanking him for his service to the  
17 citizens of Owen County and Kentucky.

18           ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this  
19 Resolution to Senator Gex Williams for presentation to Chief Greg Estes.