

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of Alice Dudley Woods  
2 Baesler.

3           WHEREAS, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler was a native of Lexington and graduated  
4 from Bryan Station High School and the University of Kentucky before dedicating her  
5 career to agricultural issues and programs; and

6           WHEREAS, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler started her career as a teacher in Fayette  
7 County and served as a 4-H leader before joining the Kentucky Department of  
8 Agriculture, where she led the Kentucky Agriculture in the Classroom program; and

9           WHEREAS, for over 40 years, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler was an active partner  
10 in the Baesler tobacco farm operation and was part of Kentucky's hemp research efforts,  
11 becoming one of the first women granted a hemp license to grow and process hemp oil in  
12 Kentucky's hemp program; and

13           WHEREAS, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler co-founded the organization Women in  
14 Agriculture, which is now over 20 years old and continues to emphasize the importance  
15 of women in Kentucky agriculture; and

16           WHEREAS, during Alice Dudley Woods Baesler's esteemed career she served as  
17 chair of the Bluegrass Area Extension, where she was instrumental in the building of the  
18 Fayette County Extension Services offices, and served as a chairperson of the hospitality  
19 committee in 1985 when Lexington hosted the NCAA Division I men's basketball  
20 championship; and

21           WHEREAS, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler served on numerous task forces,  
22 including the Kentucky Consortium for Hispanics and Latinos, the Migrant Network  
23 Coalition, and the Kentucky Farm Workers Program; and

24           WHEREAS, in 2018, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler was inducted into the  
25 University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Hall of  
26 Distinguished Alumni, the highest honor the college confers; and

27           WHEREAS, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler passed away on August 7, 2023, at the

1 age of 82. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Henry Scott "Scotty" Baesler, her  
2 son Dudley Scott Baesler, her daughter Ashley Woods Baesler, her three grandchildren,  
3 and a host of other friends and loved ones;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the  
8 passing of Alice Dudley Woods Baesler.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
10 memory of Alice Dudley Woods Baesler.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
12 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery to the family.