

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 40 public schools throughout
2 the Commonwealth that are implementing the Kentucky Community School Initiative.

3 WHEREAS, community schools provide a holistic approach to education by
4 focusing on the four pillars for student success, which include integrated student
5 supports, expanded learning time and opportunities, active family and community
6 engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices for high quality teaching; and

7 WHEREAS, community schools serve as hubs for collaboration among educators,
8 families, local organizations, and government agencies to create a supportive
9 environment for students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

10 WHEREAS, community schools have proven to be effective in enhancing
11 educational outcomes, fostering community engagement, and addressing the diverse
12 needs of students; and

13 WHEREAS, the alignment of Kentucky's Family Resource and Youth Services
14 Centers and community school implementation fosters community engagement as equal
15 partners within the school system to ensure a support system to decrease and remove
16 nonacademic barriers so that schools can focus on high quality teaching and learning; and

17 WHEREAS, community schools promote equity and inclusivity by addressing the
18 unique challenges and barriers faced by students from underserved and marginalized
19 communities, thereby narrowing the opportunity gap; and

20 WHEREAS, research indicates that community schools contribute to higher
21 graduation rates, improved student attendance, increased parental involvement, and
22 enhanced academic achievement across diverse student populations; and

23 WHEREAS, investing in community schools is a commitment to providing all
24 students with the resources and support they need to succeed academically and lead
25 fulfilling lives; and

26 WHEREAS, evidence-based results demonstrate that community schools lead to
27 robust and positive academic outcomes that are integral to fostering sustained economic

1 growth for individual students and their families well into adulthood for increased
2 economic well-being; and

3 WHEREAS, improved academic outcomes of students have shown to generate
4 positive correlative economic growth for our state and increased competitiveness on a
5 national and global scale; and

6 WHEREAS, every child should be given the opportunity to obtain a high quality
7 education;

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 recognize and commend the 40
12 public schools throughout the Commonwealth that are ushering in a new wave of student
13 success through their participation in the Kentucky Community School Initiative.

14 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery to the Prichard Committee.