

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 4, 2025, as Going Pro Day in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, 72 percent of jobs in the United States will require some  
3 postsecondary education or training by 2031, including more than 1.3 million jobs in  
4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, current projections show a workforce shortage for middle-skilled  
6 professionals of more than 300,000 to meet labor demands; and

7 WHEREAS, as Kentucky's economy grows, more students and businesses are  
8 partnering with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and  
9 the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to support learners at all junctures of their  
10 educational pathways; and

11 WHEREAS, KCTCS enrolls more than 107,000 credential-seeking students and  
12 supports more than 65,000 enrollees through workforce training programs throughout the  
13 Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, in the last year alone, nearly 95 percent of KCTCS credentials  
15 awarded were in programs aligned to the state's top five targeted industry sectors of  
16 advanced manufacturing, business and information technology, construction and skilled  
17 trades, health care, and transportation and logistics, or were designed for transfer to a  
18 four-year university; and

19 WHEREAS, in the last year alone, KCTCS colleges collaborated with more than  
20 3,000 companies and graduated nearly 18,000 students in key sectors, including  
21 healthcare, skilled trades, manufacturing, logistics, and business services; and

22 WHEREAS, KDE's Office of Career and Technical Education provides more than  
23 120 state-approved career and technical education pathways, equipping students with the  
24 education and skills necessary to meet workforce demands in Kentucky; and

25 WHEREAS, more than 143,000 secondary students participated in career and  
26 technical education in Kentucky during the 2023-2024 school year; and

27 WHEREAS, more than 26,000 postsecondary credentials were attained by

1 Kentucky students in the 12th grade cohort in the 2023-2024 school year; and

2 WHEREAS, over the next two months, KCTCS and KDE will organize a "signing  
3 season" in the Commonwealth for Kentuckians "Going Pro" by launching their careers,  
4 educational pathways, and skills development;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby proclaim April 4, 2025, as Going  
9 Pro Day in the Commonwealth.

10 ➔Section 2. The Senate recognizes the Kentucky Community and Technical  
11 College System and its partners for their effort in providing affordable access to high-  
12 quality postsecondary credentials.

13 ➔Section 3. The Senate recognizes students and graduates who are "Going Pro"  
14 and beginning their professional careers.

15 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
16 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe.