

1 A RESOLUTION congratulating University of Louisville men's basketball coach  
2 Pat Kelsey, 2025 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

3 WHEREAS, Pat Kelsey, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a member of Elder High  
4 School's 1993 Ohio Division I State Championship boys' basketball team, and played  
5 collegiately at Xavier University; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduation, Pat Kelsey began his basketball coaching career,  
7 serving as an assistant coach at Elder High School, Wake Forest University, and Xavier;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in 2012, Pat Kelsey became the head coach at Winthrop University,  
10 where in nine seasons he led the Eagles to four conference regular season titles and three  
11 appearances in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball  
12 Tournament, while winning 66 percent of his games; and

13 WHEREAS, Pat Kelsey became the coach at the College of Charleston in 2021,  
14 where he stayed for three seasons. In his last two seasons at Charleston, the Cougars  
15 compiled a record of 58 wins against 12 losses, won the Colonial Athletic Conference  
16 Championship both years, and appeared in two NCAA Tournaments; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 28, 2024, Pat Kelsey was named head men's basketball  
18 coach at the University of Louisville, where he faced one of the toughest rebuilding jobs  
19 in college basketball, with every player from the previous year's roster electing to  
20 transfer; and

21 WHEREAS, Pat Kelsey attacked his new job with vigor, and in less than two  
22 months assembled a heralded group of players and proceeded to mold them into a team;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, throughout the spring and summer, Pat Kelsey was seemingly  
25 everywhere, preaching the gospel of Louisville basketball to all who would listen. His  
26 infectious personality injected life into what had become a moribund program that had  
27 lagging fan interest and support; and

1           WHEREAS, when the season began, the good times continued for the Louisville  
2 Cardinals and their fans. Pat Kelsey's team played an exciting brand of basketball,  
3 punctuated by passionate effort, in spite of being shorthanded due to injury on several  
4 occasions; and

5           WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the regular season, the Cardinals had won 25  
6 games, matching the team's total of the previous three seasons, while losing only six  
7 games, and college basketball fans in Louisville and across the nation all knew that Pat  
8 Kelsey had made Louisville basketball fun and relevant again; and

9           WHEREAS, in recognition of his accomplishments this season, Pat Kelsey was  
10 named Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Coach of the Year of 2025; and

11           WHEREAS, as Pat Kelsey prepares his Cardinals for the upcoming ACC and  
12 NCAA tournaments, the spirits of Cardinal fans are high, and he is indeed worthy of  
13 public recognition;

14           NOW, THEREFORE,

15 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
16 ***Kentucky:***

17           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Keturah Herron in  
18 congratulating University of Louisville Head Men's Basketball Coach Pat Kelsey upon  
19 the occasion of his being named the 2025 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year,  
20 applauding the remarkable turnaround he engineered for the Cardinals this season, and  
21 wishing him and his team good fortune during the upcoming tournament season.

22           ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
23 Resolution to Senator Keturah Herron for presentation to Coach Pat Kelsey.