

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating Senator Keturah Herron on being the second
2 African American woman to serve in the Kentucky Senate.

3 WHEREAS, it is fitting for this body to honor historic achievements made by
4 Kentuckians, whether in public service or for the greater good of our communities and
5 our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, the contributions made by African Americans to the General
7 Assembly have been well-established, and the accomplishments of African Americans to
8 this Commonwealth in the arenas of medicine, law, art, commerce, and education have
9 helped shape Kentucky, both before the Civil Rights movement and afterward; and

10 WHEREAS, although there has been a total of 36 African American legislators in
11 the Kentucky General Assembly since 1900, only two African American women have
12 served in the Kentucky Senate. Senator Georgia M. Powers served from 1968 to 1989
13 and Senator Keturah Herron began her tenure in 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, the many and lasting contributions of the African American members
15 of the General Assembly do not go unnoticed by Kentuckians, as they have done and
16 continue to do good work not only for this Commonwealth but for generations of African
17 Americans who will grow up learning about the standards these legislators so
18 courageously set inside these chambers; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Keturah Herron was a valued member of the Kentucky House
20 of Representatives from 2022 to 2024 representing the 42nd District and now represents
21 the 35th Senate District; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Herron is a graduate of the University of Louisville and
23 Eastern Kentucky University; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Herron is an outspoken advocate for the constituents of the
25 35th Senate District and for the rights of minorities across the Commonwealth and the
26 nation, and serves with integrity and humility; and

27 WHEREAS, the members of this august body rightfully take the time to

1 congratulate Senator Keturah Herron upon this historic occasion; and

2 WHEREAS, the success of this Commonwealth has always rested on its
3 acknowledgement and support of all its outstanding citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, the historic importance of the second African American woman
5 serving in this body is celebrated by all Kentuckians as a symbol of the shining
6 possibility that was spoken of during Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous rally
7 outside the walls of this institution more than a half century ago;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. This honorable body does hereby express its profound admiration for
12 Senator Keturah Herron for being the second African American woman to serve in the
13 Kentucky Senate and marks this day of the 2025 Regular Session as a landmark in this
14 Commonwealth's glorious history.

15 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in rightful honor and
16 commemoration of Senator Keturah Herron.

17 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
18 Resolution to Senator Keturah Herron.