

1 A RESOLUTION honoring former Senator Paul Hornback for receiving the
2 University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Thomas Poe Cooper Farm
3 Leadership Award.

4 WHEREAS, former Senator Paul Hornback was awarded the 2025 University of
5 Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Thomas Poe Cooper Farm Leadership Award.
6 This honor is awarded yearly to Kentuckians who exemplify leadership across
7 agriculture, 4-H, family and consumer sciences, or community and economic
8 development. The award was endowed by Thomas Poe Cooper, dean from 1917 to 1951
9 of the school that is now the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and
10 Environment; and

11 WHEREAS, former Senator Paul Hornback was recognized for his integral work in
12 the Kentucky General Assembly, where he moved the Kentucky agriculture industry
13 forward; and

14 WHEREAS, Paul Hornback was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 2010,
15 representing Shelby, Carroll, and Trimble Counties and part of Jefferson County. While
16 in office, he served as Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Vice Chair of
17 Senate Committee on Licensing and Occupations, and Co-Chair of the Tobacco
18 Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, while serving in the Senate, Paul Hornback was an active farmer,
20 which he continues to be today. This gave him a unique perspective while advocating for
21 his peers in the Commonwealth. Some of his notable accomplishments during his time in
22 the Senate were the reestablishment of hemp as a legal commodity in Kentucky, the
23 reorganization of the State Fair Board, modernizing Kentucky's grain indemnity fund,
24 and the reorganization of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy into the Kentucky
25 Office of Agricultural Policy; and

26 WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center at
27 Princeton benefited enormously from Senator Hornback's dedication as he helped

1 Princeton raise the initial \$15 million investment for the Grain and Forage Center for
2 Excellence as well as helping to secure \$9 million from the Western Kentucky State Aid
3 Funding for Emergencies Act after the 2021 tornadoes decimated the Princeton campus;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate do hereby wish to congratulate former
8 Senator Paul Hornback on being the 2025 University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension
9 Service Thomas Poe Cooper Farm Leadership Award recipient and on his many
10 accomplishments as a Senator that powered Kentucky agriculture forward.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and
12 celebration of Paul Hornback.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell for delivery.