

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Blake Burnett, recipient of the 2026 Wallace "Wah  
2 Wah" Jones Award.

3           WHEREAS, Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones, Sr. was a two-sport All-American at the  
4 University of Kentucky, playing for legendary coaches Adolph Rupp and Bear Bryant,  
5 winning two national championships with the Wildcats basketball squad. Jones is the  
6 only player at the University of Kentucky to have his jerseys retired in both sports and  
7 also was a pitcher with the Wildcats baseball team and a member of the UK track and  
8 field team; and

9           WHEREAS, since 2014, the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation and the Jones family  
10 have presented the Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones Award to the outstanding Kentucky high  
11 school senior multi-sport athlete who excels equally in the classroom and contributes  
12 greatly to the community; and

13           WHEREAS, the recipient of the 2026 Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones Award is Blake  
14 Burnett from Bell County High School; and

15           WHEREAS, Blake Burnett was the starting quarterback and free safety for his  
16 entire four years of high school, during which time he threw for nearly 4,300 yards and  
17 48 touchdowns, with only 10 total interceptions. He also rushed 210 times for  
18 approximately 1,500 yards and an additional 24 touchdowns. Defensively, Blake Burnett,  
19 recorded more than 180 tackles and his 28 career interceptions ranks third in Kentucky  
20 high school history; and

21           WHEREAS, during his high school football career, Blake Burnett never missed a  
22 game, and he led the Bobcats to a remarkable record of 46 wins and only 9 losses, two  
23 regional championships, and one state finals appearance; and

24           WHEREAS, on the hardwood, Blake Burnett has been a four-year leader as a  
25 starting point guard, and has led the team in both scoring and rebounding the past two  
26 seasons as the Bobcats' all-time leading scorer with over 2,000 career points; and

27           WHEREAS, Blake Burnett led the Bobcats to a record of 27 wins and 7 losses this

1 season, with the team winning the 52nd District championship and finishing as runners-  
2 up in the 13th Region; and

3 WHEREAS, on the baseball diamond, Blake Burnett has been a key contributor  
4 during some challenging years for the program. Beginning when he was in 8th grade, and  
5 over his four years as a starter, Blake has accumulated 250 career strikeouts and 92 career  
6 hits as he enters his final season this spring; and

7 WHEREAS, Blake Burnett also excels academically, earning a 4.2 grade point  
8 average, ranking in the top 10 of his senior class, and having 40 college credit hours to  
9 his name; and

10 WHEREAS, Blake Burnett has been a leader on the playing field, in the classroom,  
11 and in the community, and his basketball coach, Brad Sizemore, summed up what makes  
12 him special, "He has been a pleasure to coach. Blake is not only a great player but also a  
13 first-class young man. He is the standard for what you want in your student-athlete, and  
14 he is someone who has had a major impact not just on the boys' basketball program, but  
15 our school and several other sports programs. I am proud of how he has always done  
16 things the right way and put others first."; and

17 WHEREAS, Blake Burnett's work ethic, leadership, and a record of achievement  
18 are indeed worthy of public recognition;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Scott Madon in  
23 congratulating Blake Burnett upon the occasion of winning the 2026 Wallace "Wah  
24 Wah" Jones Award, lauding his impressive athletic and academic achievements, and  
25 wishing him good fortune in all future endeavors.

26 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to  
27 Senator Scott Madon for presentation to Blake Burnett.