

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Chloe Yates for her advocacy in her
2 "Special Olympics – Deleting the 'Dis' in Disabled" community service initiative.

3 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, approximately 1 in 6
4 people worldwide experience some form of physical or intellectual disability, and
5 individuals with different abilities deserve opportunities for inclusion, respect, and
6 community participation; and

7 WHEREAS, organizations such as the Special Olympics provide meaningful
8 opportunities for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities to participate in
9 sports, build confidence, develop friendships, and demonstrate their ability; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission and values of the Special Olympics promote the idea that
11 disabilities should not define individuals, but rather that their abilities, courage, and
12 determination should be celebrated; and

13 WHEREAS, personal experiences with Special Olympic athletes demonstrate the
14 powerful impact of inclusion, perseverance, and kindness, and highlight the importance
15 of creating communities that recognize the value and potential of every individual; and

16 WHEREAS, community initiatives, such as Chloe Yates' "Special Olympics –
17 Deleting the 'Dis' in Disabled," have successfully recruited athletes and volunteers,
18 fostered meaningful one-on-one friendships, and shared athlete stories to inspire broader
19 support for individuals with different abilities; and

20 WHEREAS, the motto of the Special Olympics, "Let me win. But if I cannot win,
21 let me be brave in the attempt," reflects the courage, determination, and resilience that
22 these athletes demonstrate every day; and

23 WHEREAS, communities, organizations, and individuals should actively support
24 and promote the mission of the Special Olympics, advocating for inclusion, accessibility,
25 and opportunities for individuals with special needs to participate fully in sports and
26 community life; and

27 WHEREAS, individuals and organizations should encourage volunteerism,

1 mentorship, and community engagement with Special Olympic programs to build lasting
2 relationships and provide meaningful support for athletes of all abilities; and

3 WHEREAS, increased awareness and advocacy for individuals with different
4 abilities will help create a more inclusive society where everyone is valued for their
5 strengths, talents, and contributions; and

6 WHEREAS, through continued advocacy, service, and awareness, we can help
7 created a world where individuals with different abilities are not defined by limitations,
8 but celebrated for their courage, determination, and incredible potential;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate recognize Chloe Yates for her advocacy
13 in her "Special Olympics – Deleting the 'Dis' in Disabled" community service initiative in
14 honor of her cousin Parr Burton, who has participated in the horseback riding division of
15 the Special Olympics.

16 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Lindsey Tichenor.