

1 A RESOLUTION recommending that a permanent statue of Mitch McConnell be
2 placed in the New State Capitol Rotunda.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell is this Commonwealth's longest-serving
4 United States Senator; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell is only the second Kentuckian to serve as
6 Senate Majority Leader, serving in that capacity from 2015 to 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, Senator Mitch McConnell became the longest-
8 serving United States Senate party leader in American history, having been elected to
9 lead the Republican conference nine times since 2006, with his service extending more
10 than 17 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell is known for authoring and shepherding key
12 legislation to address financial and structural issues affecting the Commonwealth and this
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell has been praised for his consequential
15 Senate leadership, being called "the most important Republican since Ronald Reagan";
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17 WHEREAS, because of his exceptional leadership skills and great influence, Time
18 Magazine has recognized Senator Mitch McConnell as one of its 100 most influential
19 people in the world on three separate occasions; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the United States Senate, Senator Mitch
21 McConnell has been a staunch advocate for Kentucky and has worked diligently to
22 ensure this Commonwealth received the billions of dollars in federal resources to which it
23 is entitled; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell is unwavering in his patriotism and
25 devotion to his country, his party, the United States Senate, and most of all this
26 Commonwealth; and

27 WHEREAS, placing a statue of Senator Mitch McConnell, a distinguished and

1 accomplished world leader and unwavering advocate for this Commonwealth, in the
2 Capitol Rotunda would serve as an honor and testament to his exemplary service and a
3 small token of appreciation from a grateful Commonwealth;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recommends that a permanent statue of Senator
8 Mitch McConnell be placed in the Capitol Rotunda upon the reopening of the New State
9 Capitol after completion of its renovation.