

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the George Rogers Clark High School Lady Cardinals,
2 2026 Kentucky High School Athletic Association Girls' Sweet Sixteen Basketball
3 champions.

4 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2026, in front of a crowd of 5,510 fans at Lexington's
5 Rupp Arena, the George Rogers Clark (GRC) High School Lady Cardinals defeated the
6 Assumption High School Rockets by a score of 48-43 to win the 2026 Kentucky High
7 School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Girls' Sweet Sixteen Basketball Championship;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the championship was the first in the storied history of the Lady
10 Cardinals, a history that includes 19 10th Region championships and four previous
11 runner-up finishes in the Sweet Sixteen, including last year's tournament; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals fell behind early in the championship game and
13 trailed by seven points at the end of the first quarter. After slowly clawing their way back
14 to tie the score at 33-all at the end of the third quarter, senior guard Teigh Yeast hit three
15 straight shots at the beginning of the fourth quarter to give GRC a lead it would never
16 relinquish; and

17 WHEREAS, the victory in the Championship game avenged the Lady Cardinals'
18 only loss to a Kentucky team all season and capped a remarkable year that ended with a
19 record of 33 wins against only two losses, with an average margin of victory of over 31
20 points per game; and

21 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals' victory was especially sweet because of how
22 consistently close the team had come to their ultimate goal, losing to the eventual state
23 champion in the state tournament in each of the previous four years; and

24 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals were led by Teigh Yeast, who averaged 14.3
25 points and 4.5 rebounds per game in the tournament and was named Most Valuable
26 Player of the Sweet Sixteen. Yeast was joined on the All-Tournament team by her
27 teammates, Kennedy Stamper, a junior who averaged 12.8 points per game, and 8th

1 grader Eliyah Strode, who averaged 9.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game; and

2 WHEREAS, other members of the Lady Cardinals included seniors Anaya
3 Chestnut, Jaylynn Goodwin, Logan Kennedy, and Annette Miller; juniors Leah Howard
4 and Kyleigh Stakelin; sophomore Kyleigh Chestnut; freshmen Lila Fugate, Presley
5 Harper and Madelyn Honaker; 8th grader Jylin Edmonson; and managers Legend Allen,
6 Dazyre Hooten, and Kinlee Keltner; and

7 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals were guided to the championship by Head Coach
8 Robbie Graham, who, in 14 seasons, has guided the team to over 350 wins, 12 district
9 titles, and nine regional championships; and

10 WHEREAS, Graham was aided on the bench by assistant coaches Steve Anderson,
11 William Brown, Erica Jackson, Anovia Byars, Olivia Sparks, and Kennedy Igo; and
12 statistician Mike Rogers; and

13 WHEREAS, after the game, Graham alluded to his team's resiliency, stating "We've
14 danced all around this thing, and now we've kind of kicked that wall in. In this state with
15 just one champion, I can't describe how great this feels"; and

16 WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, and teamwork displayed by the George
17 Rogers Clark Lady Cardinals in winning the school's first girls' basketball championship
18 will live forever in the annals of Kentucky prep sports history and are indeed worthy of
19 public recognition;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

23 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Greg Elkins in
24 congratulating the George Rogers Clark Lady Cardinals upon the occasion of winning the
25 2026 KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen Basketball Championship, applauding the team's
26 stellar play, and wishing all team members and coaches good fortune in their future
27 endeavors.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
- 2 Senator Greg Elkins for presentation to the team.