

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the service of Donna Sue Baker to her community and
2 the Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Donna Sue Baker, a resident and active community member in Laurel
4 County, has dutifully served as the Eastern Kentucky Field Representative for United
5 States Senator Mitch McConnell for over 20 years, representing him across 24 Eastern
6 Kentucky counties; and

7 WHEREAS, Donna Sue Baker is the longest serving Eastern Kentucky Field
8 Representative, getting her start as an intern in Senator McConnell's London, Kentucky
9 office during the summer of 1987; and

10 WHEREAS, Donna Sue Baker completed her bachelor's degree from Berea
11 College, and worked at Laurel Grocery Company while earning her master's degree from
12 Eastern Kentucky University. Prior to working for Senator McConnell, she worked for
13 Laurel Heights Home for the Elderly and McKnight Properties; and

14 WHEREAS, Donna Sue Baker has served in various capacities as a volunteer for
15 the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce including the President's Club from
16 1990-1998, and most recently as a Chamber Ambassador. She served on the Leadership
17 Tri-County Board of Directors, the World Chicken Festival Trustees, a member of the
18 Laurel County Rhubarb Pie Ladies' Group, and represents Senator McConnell on the
19 Cumberland Valley Area Development District Board and the Daniel Boone Community
20 Action Board; and

21 WHEREAS, Donna Sue Baker has been recognized and lauded for her
22 contributions to the community when she was named Laurel County's Woman of the
23 Year in 1998, Laurel County Chamber Volunteer of the Year in 2011, inducted into the
24 Laurel County Republican Women's Forum Hall of Fame in 2019, and named a
25 Kentucky Colonel by several administrations and granted similar titles across her 24
26 county region; and

27 WHEREAS, Senator McConnell stated "Donna plays a key role on my staff,

1 keeping me in close contact with my Eastern Kentucky constituents and providing me
2 with vital insights on her region of the state [...] I am incredibly grateful for her public
3 service and am proud to have her on my team," said Senator McConnell; and

4 WHEREAS, the late Chamber of Commerce Director Randy Smith wrote, "Donna
5 is naturally gifted with a terrific personality and one that offers her the ability to
6 communicate with anyone she meets . . . She is career-oriented and self-motivated and
7 not intimidated to set lofty goals that she will work diligently to reach."; and

8 WHEREAS, Donna Sue Baker is a mother of three children, Jonathan and his wife
9 Jordan, Donavon, and Martina Faith McClure;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➡Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Donna Sue Baker for her service to her
14 community and the Commonwealth as a dedicated servant.

15 ➡Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Donna Sue
16 Baker.

17 ➡Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
18 Resolution to Senator Brandon Storm.