

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the contributions of Christian women leaders in the
2 Commonwealth of Kentucky through She Leads Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is blessed with a rich heritage of
4 faith, resilience, and leadership, exemplified by women who, guided by their Christian
5 values, lead businesses, ministries, and organizations, and excel in their fields with
6 distinction and purpose; and

7 WHEREAS, She Leads Kentucky, an organization dedicated to validating,
8 encouraging, and empowering Christian women, gives "honor where honor is due,"
9 recognizing those who operate at high levels of Christian excellence or whose names are
10 whispered by the Holy Spirit to its chairs and executive leadership team; and

11 WHEREAS, She Leads Kentucky is a ministry initiative of Divine Justice, Inc., a
12 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and is affiliated with She Leads America. The founder
13 and president of She Leads America is the Honorable Rev. Elizabeth Doyle. The founder
14 and executive director of She Leads Kentucky is Marti Ellen Thurman, JD, CCRP, and
15 the assistant director is Barbara Ann Jeter. The current executive leadership team of She
16 Leads Kentucky includes Emily Thurman, Rebecca Bowen, Cheryl Wise, and Carolyn
17 Corum; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of She Leads Kentucky, through their unwavering
19 commitment to their faith and their communities, inspire others by exemplifying the
20 values of integrity, servant leadership, and service; and

21 WHEREAS, their leadership, through She Leads Kentucky, strengthens the moral
22 and economic fabric of Kentucky, reflecting the principles of diligence, wisdom, and
23 grace that uplifts families, workplaces, and congregations across our great
24 Commonwealth; and

25 WHEREAS, by working with their legislative partner, the Honorable Senator
26 Lindsey Tichenor, She Leads Kentucky honors these extraordinary women by having
27 their names entered into the official record of the Kentucky General Assembly through an

1 honoring ceremony among their peers; and

2 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to
3 acknowledge the profound impact of these women, whose efforts align with the divine
4 calling to lead with excellence and to serve as beacons of hope and empowerment for
5 future generations;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
8 ***Kentucky:***

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes and
10 honors the Christian women leaders identified by She Leads Kentucky for their
11 exceptional contributions to business, ministry, organization leadership, and field of
12 excellence.

13 ➔Section 2. Senate recognizes that the purpose of She Leads Kentucky is to
14 validate, encourage, and empower by giving honor to Christian women who lead a
15 business, ministry, organization, or operate at high levels of Christian excellence in their
16 field, or where the Holy Spirit whispers their name to its chairs or executive leadership
17 team.

18 ➔Section 3. The Senate commends She Leads Kentucky for its mission to
19 validate, encourage, and empower these women, giving honor where honor is due as
20 guided by faith and the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

21 ➔Section 4. The Senate encourages all Kentuckians to celebrate the achievements
22 of these remarkable women and to support their continued efforts to lead with purpose,
23 integrity, and devotion to the betterment of our state and its people.

24 ➔Section 5. The Senate recognizes and honors the She Leads Kentucky 2026
25 Christian Leader of Distinction Honorees listed below – Christian women who have been
26 chosen for providing an extraordinary example of servant leadership within or impacting
27 the Commonwealth of Kentucky: Bambi Adams; Beverly Vance Aikins, RN; Leigh-

1 Allyn Baker; Kaet Barron; Hannah Bauer, MSW; Margaret Biliter, MSN, RN; Linda
2 Blackburn; Lisa Marie Bolin; Rebecca Bowen; Devon Boykin; Kayleigh Bush; Lauren
3 Bush; Makenze Cameron, MAEd; Carolyn Corum; Shirley Cox; Teresa Coy; Dr. Angela
4 Dearing, MD; Representative Jennifer Henson Decker; Rev. Dr. Jearlyn Dennie; Rev.
5 Dr. Elizabeth Doyle; Lisa Foster; Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer; Ann H. Gabhart;
6 Dr. Sandra C. Gray; Cyndi Galley, MDiv; Sandy Gross; Dr. Laura Henry Harris, JD,
7 MDiv, DMin; Zinnia Hensley, MSW; Leslie Hinton; Kaylene Idleman; Barbara Ann
8 Jeter; Georganna Jeter; Grace Gilliam Jeter; Dr. Alveda King; Destiny McCauley;
9 Representative Candy Massaroni; Julian McPeak; Kay Lynnette Medley-Cain; Rev.
10 Nancy "Honeytree" Miller; Allison McGuire Moore; Eunice Ray; Jessica Kay Renner;
11 Emlyn Riggle; Jody Risner; Pastor Margaret Rodgers; Lisa Sams, ChFC; Dr. Shanna
12 Sharber, MD, FAAP; Rebecca "Beckah Shae" Shocklee; Kelsey Smetanin; Martha
13 Smith; Deanna Lynn Spangler; Cara Starns; Representative Nancy Tate; Emily Victoria
14 Thurman; Marti Ellen Thurman, JD, CCRP; Senator Lindsey Tichenor; Judy Vantreese;
15 Kat Vazquez; Melissa Wallace; Marcie Waters, LPCC; and Cheryl Lee Wise, LMFT.

16 ➔Section 6. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Lindsey Tichenor.