

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor of Jay Hartz upon the occasion of
2 his forthcoming retirement from the Legislative Research Commission.

3 With kindest respect and with deep admiration, we pay tribute to Jay Hartz,
4 Director of the Legislative Research Commission, who is retiring after 27 years of
5 distinguished service to the General Assembly.

6 WHEREAS, Jay Hartz, a native son of Ohio and graduate of both Ashland
7 University and Villanova University, began his career at the Legislative Research
8 Commission in 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, during his 27 years of distinguished service, Jay Hartz has served in
10 numerous roles, including Deputy Chief of Staff to the Senate President, the first
11 Republican Clerk of the Senate, and, since his appointment in 2019, Director of the LRC;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Jay Hartz has faithfully carried out the historical duties bestowed upon
14 all LRC Directors, while also successfully guiding the agency through a pandemic and
15 overseeing the Capitol's closure for repairs, the opening of temporary chambers, the
16 implementation of a new personnel system, and significant advances in the use of
17 technology and process to better serve legislators, staff, and the Commonwealth of
18 Kentucky; and

19 WHEREAS, during his entire service to the LRC, Jay Hartz has served as a trusted
20 advisor and confidante to legislators and staff alike, never breaking trust, never seeking
21 recognition or fame for his efforts and counsel, and always insisting that the successes of
22 the LRC be attributed to the legislators and staff whom he served; and

23 WHEREAS, Jay Hartz has approached every day with his trademark integrity,
24 professionalism, and dedication. Respected by everyone he meets in the hallways of the
25 Capitol and the Annex—from legislators to fellow staff to those employees who have
26 served under his leadership as LRC Director—he truly represents the best the agency has
27 to offer; and

1 WHEREAS, Jay Hartz, a longtime member of our legislative family and an adopted
2 Kentucky son, whose service, deep institutional knowledge, wisdom, and kindness have
3 earned him a place in the General Assembly's and the LRC's shared traditions, lore, and
4 history of public service, will be sorely missed by both legislators and staff; and

5 WHEREAS, the members of this honorable body express their sincere gratitude to
6 Jay Hartz as he embarks upon a well-deserved retirement, duly thank him for his many
7 years of service to this Commonwealth, and wish him well in all his future endeavors;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize Director Jay Hartz for
12 his contributions and commitment to the Legislative Research Commission and to the
13 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Jay Hartz,
15 esteemed Director and friend.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to President Robert Stivers for delivery to Director Jay Hartz.