

1       A RESOLUTION recognizing January 2026 as Kentucky Mentorship Month.

2       WHEREAS, mentorship plays a critical role in the personal, academic, and  
3 professional development of young people by providing guidance, encouragement, and  
4 positive role models; and

5       WHEREAS, research consistently demonstrates that young people with mentors are  
6 more likely to succeed in school, pursue postsecondary education or workforce training,  
7 maintain stable employment, and contribute positively to their communities; and

8       WHEREAS, strong mentoring relationships foster community connection by  
9 bridging generations, strengthening families, and reinforcing shared values such as  
10 responsibility, service, and perseverance; and

11       WHEREAS, mentors, including educators, employers, faith leaders, volunteers, and  
12 community members, help young people navigate challenges, develop life skills, and  
13 discover pathways to meaningful careers and civic engagement; and

14       WHEREAS, mentorship is especially vital in supporting youth who face barriers to  
15 opportunity, helping to expand access to education, career exploration, and workforce  
16 readiness across the Commonwealth; and

17       WHEREAS, Kentucky's future economic strength and civic health depend upon  
18 investing in young people today through intentional relationships that build confidence,  
19 character, and connection to community;

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 hereby recognize January 2026 as  
24 Kentucky Mentorship Month.

25       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it recognizes and celebrates the  
26 individuals, organizations, schools, businesses, and community groups that provide  
27 mentorship and support to Kentucky's youth.

1           ➡Section 3.    The members of the Senate encourage the citizens of the  
2   Commonwealth to support, promote, and participate in mentorship opportunities that help  
3   young people succeed and strengthen Kentucky's communities.

4           ➡Section 4.   The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
5   Resolution to Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer for delivery.