

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Jacqueline Sugarman upon receiving the 2026 Jean
2 Sabharwal Award from Bluegrass Families First.

3 WHEREAS, each year, Bluegrass Families First recognizes an individual who has
4 demonstrated passionate advocacy for Lexington's children and families; and

5 WHEREAS, Bluegrass Families First bestows the Jean Sabharwal Award to an
6 individual who has dedicated his or her professional career to its mission to promote and
7 provide opportunities for high quality early childhood development, education, health,
8 and human services for Lexington families in their progress towards self-sufficiency; and

9 WHEREAS, Bluegrass Families First has chosen Dr. Jacqueline Sugarman to be the
10 recipient of the 2026 Jean Sabharwal Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Sugarman serves as professor of pediatrics at the University of
12 Kentucky as well as the medical director for the Children's Advocacy Center of the
13 Bluegrass and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Sugarman received her medical degree from the Boston University
15 School of Medicine, completed a residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of
16 Philadelphia, and completed a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at the
17 University of Louisville; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Sugarman attained board certification in child abuse pediatrics
19 while serving on the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of
20 Kentucky, and helped to create the Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine to medically
21 evaluate children who experience maltreatment and neglect; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Sugarman was a member of the committee tasked by the Kentucky
23 Association of Sexual Assault Programs to write the Kentucky Medical Protocol for
24 Child Sexual Assault/Abuse Evaluation, collaborated with medical providers across the
25 state to create the first Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE-P) course in the
26 Commonwealth, and continues to act as both an educator and preceptor for SANE-P
27 course trainees; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sugarman serves on the Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission
2 on Child Sexual Abuse and the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs Sexual
3 Assault Response Team Advisory Committee, and received the 2025 National Sexual
4 Violence Resource Center's Visionary Voice Award for her commitment to trauma-
5 informed care, multidisciplinary collaboration, and advancing Kentucky's efforts to
6 protect children and support survivors of sexual abuse;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Dr. Jacqueline Sugarman upon receiving
11 the 2026 Jean Sabharwal Award from Bluegrass Families First.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dr.
13 Jacqueline Sugarman.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery.