

1 A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Rebecca Harilson for her decades of
2 distinguished service to the Kentucky State Senate and the Legislative Research
3 Commission.

4 WHEREAS, Rebecca (Becky) Harilson began her illustrious career with the
5 General Assembly on May 1, 1989, when she was hired by former Senate Minority
6 Leader Jack Trevey and first demonstrated the leadership abilities that would define her
7 tenure in the Capitol; and

8 WHEREAS, her sharp intellect and work ethic led her to serve as Chief of Staff to
9 former Senate Minority Leader Dan Kelly; and

10 WHEREAS, from 1999 to 2000, Becky Harilson played a foundational role in the
11 Senate's history by overseeing a critical staffing transition for the Senate Majority Caucus
12 under the leadership of former Senate President David Williams; and

13 WHEREAS, during her more than 30 years of service to the Senate, Becky Harilson
14 would become the cornerstone of the Senate's operations. Under her leadership as Chief
15 of Staff to Senate President Robert Stivers, she skillfully oversaw all administrative
16 functions of the Office of the Senate President and coordinated the full breadth of Senate
17 processes, guiding the Senate Republican Caucus through a period of remarkable growth
18 – from an initial team of three, to five, and ultimately to a staff of 24 members; and

19 WHEREAS, as the trusted advisor to the Senate President, Becky Harilson
20 navigated complex policy debates and strategic redistricting efforts, ensuring the stable
21 and effective functioning of the Senate Majority; and

22 WHEREAS, as a testament to her commitment to serving the legislature, in 2015,
23 2018, and 2019, Becky Harilson answered the call to serve as Acting Co-Director of the
24 Legislative Research Commission, providing a steady hand and vital institutional
25 knowledge during a period of significant transition; and

26 WHEREAS, Becky Harilson, through her years of dedicated service, has
27 exemplified professionalism, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to excellence in all

1 her endeavors; and

2 WHEREAS, Becky Harilson's contributions have left a lasting and meaningful
3 impact on her colleagues, community, the legislative branch, the institution of the Senate,
4 the Republican Party of Kentucky, and all of those fortunate enough to work alongside
5 her; and

6 WHEREAS, as Becky Harilson prepares to enter retirement, she looks forward to
7 spending more time with her loving and supportive husband of over 50 years, Bill
8 Harilson, as well as her children, Richard, Michael, Noel, and Tasha, and her beloved
9 grandchildren, Ella, Campbell, and Preston; and

10 WHEREAS, as Becky Harilson embarks upon a well-earned retirement, it is fitting
11 that the Senate pause to recognize her distinguished career and extend its sincere
12 appreciation for her service and wish her happiness, good health, and fulfillment as she
13 enters the next chapter of her life;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
16 *Kentucky:*

17 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby honor Becky Harilson for her extraordinary
18 career and expresses its profound gratitude for her decades of service, leadership, and
19 mentorship within the halls of the Kentucky State Capitol.

20 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Becky
21 Harilson.

22 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
23 Resolution to Becky Harilson.