

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Frank Riherd, founder of the Riherd's Scoreboard, for
2 his enduring contributions to Kentucky high school athletics.

3 WHEREAS, native of Glasgow, Kentucky, Frank Riherd's family owned a sporting
4 goods store in his hometown; and

5 WHEREAS, after travelling to Louisville in 1968 as a high school freshman to see
6 his Glasgow Scotties capture the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA)
7 boys' basketball championship, Frank Riherd became enthralled with numbers that
8 surrounded sports and proceeded to keep statistics for the Glasgow basketball and
9 football teams the next year; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from Glasgow High School, Frank Riherd attended
11 Georgia Institute of Technology, where he studied electrical engineering and worked
12 developing software that would collect and analyze data from radar systems; and

13 WHEREAS, Frank Riherd's career as an electrical engineer led him across the
14 globe, from California, to Germany, and eventually to France, where he worked for VLSI
15 Technology before striking out on his own as a consultant in 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, during a visit home to Glasgow in early 1997, he sold his father on an
17 idea for a trophy order website for the sporting goods store, and also approached the
18 KHSAA about establishing an online scoreboard to disseminate high school sports
19 information at the user's convenience; and

20 WHEREAS, the Riherd's Scoreboard officially kicked off in the fall of 1997, and as
21 the operation grew and flourished, it has become the historical repository of high school
22 sports information in the Commonwealth; and

23 WHEREAS, since 1997, the Riherd's Scoreboard, which now covers 12 boys' and
24 girls' sports, has recorded over 650,000 games representing almost 30 million points,
25 runs, and goals scored by prep athletes from every corner of Kentucky; and

26 WHEREAS, the importance of this endeavor was perhaps best explained by Frank
27 Riherd himself, when he said, "Each of those points comes from a player competing as

1 part of a team. And we should never lose sight of the fact that they are the reason we do
2 all of this. That's our North Star — the athlete"; and

3 WHEREAS, on January 10, 2026, Frank Riherd announced that the 2025-2026
4 school year will be his last managing the scoreboards; and

5 WHEREAS, news of Frank Riherd stepping away from the scoreboard he has made
6 his life's work was met with sadness and deep appreciation from all corners of the
7 Commonwealth, with KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett summing up the feelings of
8 many when he said, "He's been a fixture in our association for a long time. We really
9 express our love and affection for him as well as our respect for the professional work
10 he's done on behalf of our membership"; and

11 WHEREAS, Zack Klemme, the sports director for HD Media, with 13 newspapers
12 in Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio, also lauded Frank Riherd's work: "The
13 KHSAA website and scoreboard is the gold standard for access to information and ease
14 of use. I am thankful for the role Frank Riherd has played for 15 years in making my life
15 easier and making my work better"; and

16 WHEREAS, the KHSAA has pledged to continue the scoreboard, and although the
17 service will undoubtedly continue, the vision, passion, and foresight of Frank Riherd and
18 the indelible mark he has made on high school athletics in the Commonwealth will never
19 be forgotten and is certainly worthy of public recognition;

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 join Senator David Givens in honoring
24 Frank Riherd for developing and operating the Riherd's Scoreboard, applauding the
25 positive impact he has had on generations of high school athletes in the Commonwealth,
26 and expressing their deep appreciation for his years of hard work involved in this
27 endeavor.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
- 2 Senator David Givens for presentation to Frank Riherd.