

1       A RESOLUTION urging the exploration of opportunities to honor and educate the  
2       public about great Kentuckians.

3       WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has produced countless individuals  
4       whose contributions have shaped the nation's history, culture, and progress; and

5       WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali, a world heavyweight champion boxer and  
6       humanitarian, exhibited courage and advocacy for peace and justice that transcended  
7       sports; and

8       WHEREAS, Georgia Davis Powers broke historic barriers as the first African  
9       American and the first woman elected to the Kentucky State Senate, dedicating her life to  
10       civil rights and public service; and

11       WHEREAS, Governor Martha Layne Collins made history as the first, and to date  
12       only, woman to serve as Governor of Kentucky, pioneering landmark education reforms,  
13       strong economic development, and workforce innovation; and

14       WHEREAS, Louis D. Brandeis became the first Jewish Justice of the United States  
15       Supreme Court and remains a lasting symbol of integrity, intellect, and commitment to  
16       justice; and

17       WHEREAS, Loretta Lynn, who rose from humble Appalachian roots to become  
18       one of the most influential and beloved voices in American music, broke barriers for  
19       women in the industry and redefined what country music could say; and

20       WHEREAS, John James Audubon, who transformed the study and appreciation of  
21       the natural world through his groundbreaking art and ornithology, left a lasting legacy  
22       that continues to shape how Americans understand and protect their wildlife; and

23       WHEREAS, these and other Kentuckians reflect the diversity, creativity, and  
24       courage that define the spirit of the Commonwealth; and

25       WHEREAS, the education of Kentucky's youth is enriched when students learn  
26       about the lives and legacies of individuals from their own state who have contributed to  
27       the arts, sciences, civil rights, law, and public life; and

1        WHEREAS, exploring the creation of state holidays, commemorative observances,  
2 and curricular programs dedicated to great Kentuckians would both celebrate Kentucky's  
3 proud heritage and inspire future generations to leadership and service;

4        NOW, THEREFORE,

5 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
6 ***Kentucky:***

7        ➔Section 1. The Senate urges appropriate legislative committees, state agencies,  
8 and educational authorities to explore opportunities to formally honor and educate the  
9 public about the lives and contributions of great Kentuckians.

10       ➔Section 2. The Senate encourages the implementation of strategies to  
11 accomplish this goal, including but not limited to the establishment of holidays,  
12 observances, and inclusion of appropriate content in Kentucky's school curriculum.

13       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
14 Resolution to Dr. Aaron Thompson, president, Council on Postsecondary Education, 100  
15 Airport Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; Dr. Robbie Fletcher, commissioner, Kentucky  
16 Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601; Governor  
17 Andy Beshear, 703 Capital Avenue, Room 133, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601; and the  
18 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senator Cassie  
19 Chambers Armstrong.