

A RESOLUTION saluting Greenup County cheer coach Candy Berry on her storied career and congratulating her upon the occasion of her enshrinement into the KHSAA Dawahares Hall of Fame.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit."

-- Will Durant

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2023, Candace (Candy) Sue Berry, longtime cheer coach at Greenup County High School, will be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Dawahares Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Candy Berry's long association with the world of cheer began as a freshman at Russell High School in the 1960s, a time when cheerleading wasn't considered a competitive sport, and most people didn't view cheerleaders as athletes; and

WHEREAS, over the ensuing 50 years, as cheer finally achieved its rightful place as a sport, it would be Candy Berry that would be one of the key agents responsible for revolutionizing the world of cheer forever; and

WHEREAS, after school, Candy Berry began her coaching career at Russell High School, where she coached for five years before becoming head cheer coach at Greenup County High School in 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Candy Berry took Greenup County to the inaugural National High School Cheerleading Championship, which, for the first time, provided cheerleaders the opportunity to compete as athletes; and

WHEREAS, for 43 straight years, Candy Berry's squad has returned to the National Championship, not just to compete, but to dominate, with Greenup County winning 16 national championships, its first in 1981, and the most recent in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Candy Berry possesses the uncanny ability not only to successfully engage with her athletes, but also to inspire them to bring out their full potential, summed up by the coach herself, "Stumbles and falls are inevitable. You never want to quit before you reach the finish line. What you want to remember is that the journey that you are on

1 is what makes it all worth it."; and

2 WHEREAS, in 46 years of coaching, Candy Berry has touched the lives of
3 hundreds of young people, and she has received numerous awards and recognitions,
4 including the 2000 American Cheer Magazine Coach of the Year, the 1988 Kentucky
5 Association of Pep Organization Sponsors Coach of the Year, the 1999 Universal
6 Cheerleaders Association Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2012 University of
7 Kentucky Cheer Alumni Award, the American Spirit Award, and 2017 inductee to the
8 Greenup County High School Hall of Fame, among many others; and

9 WHEREAS, Candy Berry's upcoming enshrinement into the KHSAA Dawahares
10 Hall of Fame represents a capstone to a remarkable career in which she was not only a
11 great coach, but, in many ways, one of the founding mothers of a sport;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
14 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives join Representative
16 Danny Bentley in saluting Greenup County cheer coach Candy Berry on her storied
17 career, congratulating her upon the occasion of her enshrinement into the KHSAA
18 Dawahares Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2023, and wishing her good fortune in all
19 future endeavors.

20 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of
21 this Resolution to Representative Danny Bentley for presentation to coach Candy Berry.