

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the University of Kentucky Wildcats football team on
2 their fourth consecutive bowl game victory.

3 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2022, the University of Kentucky Wildcats football team
4 defeated the Hawkeyes of the University of Iowa by a score of 20-17 in the Vrbo Citrus
5 Bowl; and

6 WHEREAS, the victory over the 15th-ranked Hawkeyes was the fourth consecutive
7 bowl game triumph for the Wildcats, breaking the previous record of three from 2006 to
8 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, the win also capped off an incredible season of 10 wins against only 3
10 losses, marking just the fourth time in history that a Wildcat football team amassed 10
11 wins in a season; and

12 WHEREAS, the Wildcats were led on the sidelines by head coach Mark Stoops,
13 who, in his ninth year at the helm, has molded this team into a tough, physical squad that
14 has a knack for winning close games; and

15 WHEREAS, Mark Stoops has compiled a record of 59-53 in his tenure in
16 Lexington, and his teams have gone 47-29 after a massive rebuilding job in his first three
17 seasons; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Wildcats erased decades of demons by ending a 31-year
19 losing streak to the University of Florida; and

20 WHEREAS, the Wildcats currently own a three-game winning streak over their in-
21 state rivals, the University of Louisville; and

22 WHEREAS, over the last few years, Wildcats fans have enjoyed watching some
23 immensely talented football players who have boosted the program to new heights,
24 including consensus All-Americans such as linebacker Josh Allen, 2018 Southeastern
25 Conference and National Defensive Player of the Year; punter Max Duffy, winner of the
26 2019 Ray Guy Award for the outstanding punter in college football; quarterback/wide
27 receiver/kick returner Lynn Bowden, winner of the 2019 Paul Hornung Award for the

1 most versatile player in college football; and offensive tackle Darian Kinnard; and

2 WHEREAS, Coach Stoops has signed the highest-rated recruiting class in Kentucky
3 history, and raised optimism among supporters for continued success of the Kentucky
4 football program in the future;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The members of this body, both individual and collectively, do
9 hereby congratulate the University of Kentucky Football Wildcats, head coach Mark
10 Stoops, the assistant coaches and support staff, and Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart on
11 the team's recent success and wish them good fortune in future endeavors.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
13 Mark Stoops, Head Football Coach, University of Kentucky, Joe Craft Football Training
14 Facility, 295 Alumni Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.