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| 1  | A RESOLUTION honoring Beechwood High School Football Coach Noel Rash                       |
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| 2  | upon the occasion of his retirement from coaching.   |
| 3  | WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, Noel Rash, long-time Beechwood High School                  |
| 4  | football coach, announced his retirement from coaching after a stellar career; and         |
| 5  | WHEREAS, in 17 years as Beechwood's head coach, Rash's teams have won 200                  |
| 6  | games, averaging almost 12 wins a year; and  |
| 7  | WHEREAS, under Noel Rash's guidance, the Tigers have won an astounding eight               |
| 8  | state championships, winning the Class A title in 2007 and 2008, three consecutive Class   |
| 9  | A titles from 2016 to 2018, and three consecutive Class 2A crowns from 2020 to 2022;       |
| 10 | and  |
| 11 | WHEREAS, the news of Noel Rash's retirement has unleashed a torrent of heartfelt           |
| 12 | congratulations from school administrators and former players for a coach who places a     |
| 13 | premium on developing young men and using football as a vehicle to instill life lessons    |
| 14 | that his players still implement well into adulthood; and                                  |
| 15 | WHEREAS, Justin Kaiser, a 1998 Beechwood graduate and the current principal of             |
| 16 | Beechwood High, said, "Coach Rash galvanized an entire community to rally around a         |
| 17 | special group of young people every fall during football season. Beechwood football is     |
| 18 | more than a program or individual, it is a culture of commitment, sacrifice, and           |
| 19 | brotherhood that Coach Rash inherited and enhanced in his time here. Combine that with     |
| 20 | an incredibly successful run as head coach, for mentoring our student-athletes the right   |
| 21 | way, and for representing Beechwood in a first-class manner on and off the field — you     |
| 22 | have a coach that ventures into legendary status. Coach has solidified that legendary      |
| 23 | status over the past 20 years"; and  |
| 24 | WHEREAS, Noel Rash's former players also were effusive in their praise and                 |
| 25 | respect for their retiring coach, with Luke Slusher, a 2022 graduate currently playing for |
| 26 | Western Kentucky University, saying, "Greatest coach to ever come in and play for.         |
| 27 | Thank you for everything, coach. Won't ever forget everything you've done for me," and     |

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1 Landon Johnson, a senior on this year's team, adding, "The best coach I've ever had.

- 2 Thank you for everything you did for me. I would run through a brick wall for you...love
- 3 you, coach"; and
- 4 WHEREAS, although stepping down as a coach, Noel Rash will continue his work
- 5 with students as a social studies teacher at Beechwood; and
- WHEREAS, perhaps it is Noel Rash himself who best explains what his time on the
- 7 sideline was like when he said, "There is nowhere quite like Beechwood. The Friday
- 8 nights are special, and so too is the community support of everything that goes on at
- 9 school, both academically and with extracurricular activities. I am so humbled to have
- been part of such a special place. Beechwood is my home and without these players and
- families, we don't accomplish any of this"; and
- WHEREAS, the stellar career of Noel Rash, teacher, coach, and leader is truly
- deserving of public recognition;
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE,
- 15 Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 16 Kentucky:
- → Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator Chris McDaniel in
- 18 congratulating Beechwood High School Football Coach Noel Rash upon the occasion of
- 19 his retirement, celebrating his unbelievable 17 year run of excellence with the Tigers, and
- wishing him good fortune in all future endeavors.
- 21 → Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
- 22 Senator Chris McDaniel for presentation to Noel Rash.

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