A RESOLUTION commending Governor Andy Beshear, the entire Executive Branch, Kentucky's mayors and their administrations, health care workers, grocery store employees, sanitation personnel, court personnel, school district workers, truck drivers and warehouse workers, the entire staff of the Legislative Research Commission, and all other Kentuckians who have courageously served their fellow citizens during the COVID-19 crisis.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread across the world and continues to infect Americans and damage American businesses at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been reported in 100 Kentucky counties, has led to catastrophic economic and social upheaval, and threatens the very livelihood of so many citizens here in our own Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, it is a truism of the American spirit that in any crisis there will be helpers, those who run toward the oncoming peril to meet it head on; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body, and all those Kentuckians whose lives have been affected because of the pandemic, pause to give thanks to those women and men who have courageously taken the reins of leadership during this uncertain time; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and the entire Executive Branch, as well as the mayors and their administrations that carry out their responsibilities tenaciously, unwavering, pressing forward with their steady, purposeful, calming, yet firm presence during this crisis, are therefore commended for their steady presence during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, those working the front lines and in public-facing positions, where the possibility of infection is high and the danger is always present, are also commended. These include doctors, nurses, EMS personnel, and all who assist in helping those who are stricken by COVID-19 and are otherwise in need of health services. This also includes grocery store workers, sanitation personnel, court personnel, and all those that provide essential services; volunteers of all stripes who put their safety at risk every time they

carry out their missions; and everyone known and unknown who take that next step to protect others, not knowing where danger will strike; and

WHEREAS, school district workers are commended for their diligent instruction in this time of great uncertainty. Non-Traditional Instruction is happening in every school district across Kentucky, as is the vital resource of delivering meals to students; and

WHEREAS, truck drivers and warehouse workers are commended for doing their part to ensure the continuation of the supply chain, and for dutifully showing up to work every day to make sure goods are delivered to their proper distribution points; and

WHEREAS, here in the Capitol, the talented staff of the Legislative Research Commission is commended for allowing the General Assembly to pass a budget and other needed legislation so that the important work of the 2020 Regular Session can be completed on time; and

WHEREAS, this body rightfully thanks those Kentuckians who have risked their own safety by offering help to their fellow citizens in this time of need, and duly celebrates the human spirit being displayed every day across this Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby commends Governor Andy Beshear, the entire Executive Branch, Kentucky's mayors and their administrations, health care workers, grocery store employees, sanitation personnel, court personnel, school district workers, truck drivers and warehouse workers, the entire staff of the Legislative Research Commission, and all other Kentuckians who have courageously served their fellow citizens during the COVID-19 crisis.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal.