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A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

**RICHARD A. CROFTS**

for his service to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the people of Kentucky

WHEREAS, the Council on Postsecondary Education needed an experienced leader to provide guidance to the Council and to the Kentucky postsecondary education system for a short-term but critical period; and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Crofts, an educator with almost 40 years experience in higher education, was willing to leave the comforts of retirement and his home in Florida to serve as Interim President of the Council on Postsecondary Education; and

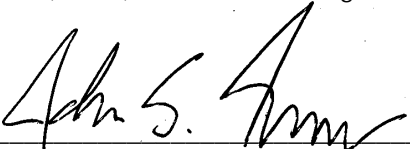
WHEREAS, Dr. Crofts' skills as an educator were honed during a long and distinguished university career that included service at Mankato State University, East Tennessee University, and the University of Toledo; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crofts also has extensive experience with higher education systems having served as the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Montana University System and Interim Commissioner of Higher Education in Mississippi as well as working with the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) and the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) organizations; and

WHEREAS, Richard Crofts' association with Kentucky began with Fern Creek High School in Louisville and continued with Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Richard Crofts provided sure, steady, and capable leadership as Interim President, has been instrumental in strengthening relationships between the Council and the Governor's Office and other key policy leaders, and has positively affected and advanced postsecondary education reform during his tenure as interim president;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council on Postsecondary Education does hereby adopt this resolution January 16, 2009, thanking Richard A. Crofts for his dedication and service, and wishing him and his wife, June, best wishes and good fortune.

  
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John S. Turner, Chair