



**A RESOLUTION  
HONORING AND COMMENDING**

**TOM LAYZELL**

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

WHEREAS, Tom Layzell has ably led the Council on Postsecondary Education as its president since April 2003; and

WHEREAS, since his arrival, Tom Layzell has been instrumental in focusing the Council's and the Commonwealth's attention on the importance of raising Kentucky's level of educational attainment; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Council has embarked on a bold initiative to double the number of bachelor's degree holders in the Commonwealth by 2020; and

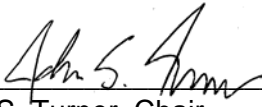
WHEREAS, Tom Layzell initiated key statewide initiatives to improve Kentucky's performance in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; the level of preparation of students entering college; and the education of all adults in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Tom Layzell is a recognized leader in higher education policy and management, who is respected within the Commonwealth and nationally for his leadership in Illinois and Mississippi, his work with the State Higher Education Executive Officers and the National Association of System Heads, and for his role as a commissioner on the National Commission on Higher Education Accountability; and

WHEREAS, Tom Layzell is a distinguished public servant, and the people of Kentucky will continue to benefit from his insight, passion, knowledge, and commitment long after he has left our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, we will miss Tom's gentle humor, timely observations, quick smile and many kindnesses, and wish him and Joan all the best in what we know will be a busy and fulfilling retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council on Postsecondary Education does hereby adopt this resolution September 16, 2007, and deeply thanks Tom Layzell for his dedication and service to the Council on Postsecondary Education and his commitment to improving the lives of the people of Kentucky.

  
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John S. Turner, Chair

  
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Bradford L. Cowgill, Interim President