

## RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEATH OF LAURA MAE WINN

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Public Schools family, with very deep regret, learned of the passing of Laura Mae Winn, a 15-year-old rising ninth-grader who received instruction at home and had also attended Southern Middle and Southern Elementary Schools, and

WHEREAS, conscientious and bright, Laura was a great student who took her education seriously and poured herself into her studies, working earnestly on every assignment and approaching everything she did with all that she had, and

WHEREAS, Laura was a bundle of sparkle and lace and pink and purple, who loved doodling with glitter gel pens, writing her hopes and dreams in pink furry journals and accessorizing with purses, jewelry and sequined headbands, and

WHEREAS, although Laura was facing a very serious diagnosis, she was always smiling and continued to enjoy the things other tweens do – like going to the mall, spending time with friends, having her nails painted, listening to music, giggling over teen gossip magazines, and watching movies, and

WHEREAS, Laura was a playful and happy young lady with an impish grin, sense of humor, and a touch of mischievousness that was impossible to resist, and

WHEREAS, a giving and loyal friend who could be trusted to keep a secret, Laura put others before herself, preferring to stay out of the limelight while she supported her friends and kept them laughing, and

WHEREAS, determined to experience life to the fullest, Laura was a fighter who never gave up hope and refused to let cancer keep her from doing the things she wanted to do, like playing in the band, taking tennis lessons, participating in Dance Blue and attending Indian Summer Camp, and

WHEREAS, compassionate and grateful, Laura was beautiful inside and out and brought light and inspiration to everyone she met, and

WHEREAS, with a sweet spirit and gentle kindness, Laura was a thoughtful and caring little girl who had a heart for animals big or small and loved playing with puppies and the Flemish Giant rabbit in her science teacher's classroom, and

WHEREAS, Laura's petite stature belied her inner strength, and her courage, attitude, resolve and resilience in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds made her a hero to her friends, classmates, teachers and the many other people she touched in her short life; and

WHEREAS, just days before her death, Laura made one more lasting impression on her classmates and teachers at Southern Middle when she joined in the eighth-grade graduation ceremony, and as Laura crossed the stage beaming from ear to ear, everyone in the gym spontaneously rose to their feet and cheered her with a standing ovation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education hereby express their profound feeling of loss and wish to express their deep sympathy to Laura's family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of Laura Mae Winn.