

CHAPTER 221**(HJR 4)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION naming "The Lee Trover Todd Highway."

WHEREAS, Lee Trover Todd was born in Earlington, Kentucky, a small community of approximately 1,800 nestled in south central Hopkins County; and

WHEREAS, Lee Trover Todd was a gifted student who received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1968, and his Masters and Doctorate degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1970 and 1973 respectively; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant engineer, Dr. Todd received six patents in the area of high-resolution display technology during his years as a graduate student at MIT; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1974, Dr. Todd served for nine years as a professor and researcher in the electrical engineering department at the University of Kentucky (UK); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at UK, Dr. Todd won several teaching awards including the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award, and he was an active member of the University Senate, the President's Advisory Committee, as well as acting as chairman of the College of Engineering Dean Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 Dr. Todd founded Projectron, Inc., a company that manufactured projection picture tubes that are used in approximately 90% of commercial flight simulators and numerous military simulators; and

WHEREAS, after Projectron was purchased by Hughes Aircraft Company in 1990, Dr. Todd was instrumental in convincing the company to move several of its operations from California and New York to UK's Coldstream Research Campus in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Dr. Todd incorporated DataBeam Corporation, which has become the world's leading provider of real-time collaboration and real-time distant learning software and development platforms; and

WHEREAS, DataBeam Corporation was acquired by IBM in 1998 and now reports to Lotus Development Company which is a subsidiary of IBM; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd was recently promoted to the position of Senior Vice President of Lotus Development where he is responsible for the Messaging and Collaboration Business Unit; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd co-founded the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation which is a not-for-profit organization devoted to increasing university research capacity, developing science and technology education programs in grades K-12, and encouraging an entrepreneurial economy in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd has worked tirelessly to bring millions of dollars in research and development funding to the Commonwealth through his position as Co-Chair of the PRISM project which was the major math and science initiative of KERA, as well as co-authoring the proposal that resulted in Kentucky being selected as an EPSCOR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being active in the business community, Dr. Todd took time from his hectic schedule to be a member of the Committee for Reform of the Cabinet for Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd has remained active in the world of education by serving as a gubernatorial appointee to the Governor's Council on Science and Technology, the Technology and Workforce Committee under a Quality and Efficiency Task Force, as well as currently serving on the Council on Postsecondary Education as chair of the Distant Learning Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Dr. Todd was inducted into UK's Engineering Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd is the loving husband of Patricia Brantley Todd and the devoted father of a son, Troy, and a daughter, Kathryn; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2001, Earlington's native son, Dr. Lee Trover Todd, was named president-elect of the University of Kentucky by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees with his official term as UK's Eleventh President beginning on July 1, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The members of this body, both collectively and individually, do hereby proclaim Dr. Lee Trover Todd to be an outstanding citizen and exemplary representative of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signs on United States Route 41 in Hopkins County at the northern and southern limits of the City of Earlington that read "The Lee Trover Todd Highway."

Approved April 5, 2002