

**CHAPTER 334****(HB 749)**

AN ACT designating the Louisville Science Center as the State Science Center of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Science Center is a nonprofit educational institution dedicated to improving the public's understand of mathematics, science, and technology through interactive exhibits, IMAX films, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Science Center houses the first IMAX Theatre in Kentucky and serves more than 550,000 people annually, introducing them to the excitement and wonders of science in an engaging and interactive environment; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Science Center has recently received recognition from several local, regional, and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, for example, in September 2001, the Louisville Science Center was recognized by the Giant Screen Theater Association for having the Best Film Launch by a Theater for the IMAX film, *Michael Jordan to the Max*; and

WHEREAS, in September 2001, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence presented the Science Center with the 2001 Pyramid Award for "The Art of Vision" in recognition of its successful implementation of its 1992 strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, in October 2001, the Southeast Museum Conference presented the Louisville Science Center with an award for excellence in exhibition design for *The World Within Us*; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Science Center has been awarded several prestigious grants for educational programs to be conducted during the 2001-2002 school year, including a grant from the Center for Disease Control for a program entitled "Healthy Hearts, Healthy Futures," a grant from the Chicago Academy of Science for an educational program associated with an upcoming public television series, "Journey to the Planet Earth," and a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services for general operating support; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Science Center is dedicated to providing invaluable educational enrichment programs for Kentucky's schools and students and sparking the interest of all ages in math, science, and technology; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious program continues to offer to the Commonwealth of Kentucky inspiration and enrichment in areas of knowledge needed for its citizens' full participation in a global society;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

***The Louisville Science Center shall be designated as the State Science Center of Kentucky.***

**Approved April 11, 2002**