

**CHAPTER 13****(HJR 16)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the designation of Shelby County as the American Saddlebred Horse Capital of the World.

WHEREAS, the Saddlebred horse is an American-bred horse, having its roots in the Galloway and Hobby horses of the British Isles and crossbred with Thoroughbreds in 18th and 19th century America; and

WHEREAS, these horses, with the size and beauty of the Thoroughbred and the pleasant temperament, eagerness, strength, and stamina of the British horses, are best known today as the ultimate show horse, high stepping, elegant, and five-gaited; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County is home to over fifty Saddlebred horse farms that house and train over 1,200 American Saddlebred Horses; and

WHEREAS, the Shelbyville Horse Show draws horse-and-rider competitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the Shelbyville Horse Show is attended by people from throughout the United States and the world each year to watch some of the finest Saddlebreds in the world compete; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County is recognized by many as the American Saddlebred Horse Capital of the World;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Shelby County, Kentucky, is hereby designated as the American Saddlebred Horse Capital of the World.

**Approved March 2, 2005.**