

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Clay County, Kentucky as "The Land of Swinging Bridges."

WHEREAS, the swinging bridges of Clay County, Kentucky are historic pedestrian bridges spanning rivers and creeks; and

WHEREAS, though Clay County, Kentucky looks forward to a bright future, residents keep in their hearts romantic images of their past, and nothing evokes such notions as do the county's numerous swinging bridges; and

WHEREAS, swinging bridges are suspension footbridges supported by anchors at each end, which received their name because of the way the bridges sway underfoot as they are being crossed; and

WHEREAS, swinging bridges can span wide rivers without the support of foundation pillars in the middle of waterways, meaning that swinging bridges do not obstruct river traffic and there is no danger of piers being damaged during floods; and

WHEREAS, a number of swinging bridges still grace the highways and byways of Clay County, Kentucky, including Goose Creek Swinging Bridge, Frazier Road Swinging Bridge, Old Homeplace Swinging Bridge, Oneida Baptist Institute (OBI) Swinging Bridge, Rooster Branch Swinging Bridge, Sextons Creek Swinging Bridges, Red Bird Swinging Bridges, and Bullskin Creek Swinging Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the swinging bridges of Clay County, Kentucky are historic reminders of Appalachian history that to this day extend across many waterways in the county;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. Clay County, Kentucky is hereby designated "The Land of Swinging Bridges."

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Clay County Judge/Executive Joe Lewis Asher, 102 Richmond Road, Suite 201, Manchester, Kentucky 40962.