

A RESOLUTION designating February 15-21, 2015, as Court Reporting and Captioning Week in the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, for millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and, to accomplish this task, have relied upon scribes; and

WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

WHEREAS, in ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

WHEREAS, scribes were present with our nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

WHEREAS, court reporters are present in the United States Congress, preserving members' words and actions; and

WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sports stadiums and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

WHEREAS, whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate designates February 15-21, 2015, as Court Reporting and Captioning Week in the Commonwealth and requests that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky issue a proclamation calling on the people of Kentucky to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational activities.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send copies of this Resolution to Governor Steve Beshear, Room 100, State Capitol, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; and Georgene R. Scrivner, Court Reporter-Stenotypist, P.O. Box 1404, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-1404.