

A RESOLUTION honoring J.D. Shelburne on his success.

WHEREAS, J.D. Shelburne grew up on a tobacco farm in Taylorsville. At the age of 19 his grandmother passed, and among her belongings he found a junior-sized Yamaha acoustic guitar. Learning to play the instrument on his own, he went on to perform his first shows as a college student at the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, J.D. Shelburne soon amassed a fanbase and moved to Nashville, where he began working the famous bar scene. His songs are a mix of honky tonk, traditional country, and gospel, and throughout his career he has worked hard to keep his influences close to his heart, threading his upbringing on that tobacco farm in Taylorsville into his musical style to create an innovative, exciting, deeply Kentucky sound; and

WHEREAS, J.D. Shelburne has performed with such nationally recognized acts as Montgomery Gentry, Jamey Johnson, and Steve Wariner. His performance at Old Cardinal Stadium during the 2013 Kentucky State Fair drew the fair's largest crowd that year, and he has been featured in *Country Weekly Magazine*, *Kentucky Alumni Magazine*, and *Kentucky Monthly* among many other publications; and

WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors J.D. Shelburne on this day for his many outstanding contributions to the arts in this Commonwealth, for making his hometown of Taylorsville proud, and for all the hard work he has put in to make himself one of the bright young stars of the country music industry;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor J.D. Shelburne and commend him for being a self-taught musician and for being one of this Commonwealth's most innovative and exciting artists.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of J.D. Shelburne.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative James Tipton for delivery.