

A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky's farmers for helping provide citizens with the most nutritious and affordable food in the world, and recognizing February 29 to March 4, 2016, as Food Checkout Week.

WHEREAS, Kentucky farmers and others involved in agribusiness, working together in an environmentally sustainable way, help feed the people of our Commonwealth, our nation, and those in other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, American farmers are at the heart of the world's most productive and efficient food system, providing an abundant supply of safe and affordable food, despite dealing with significant uncertainties such as inclement weather, crop pests, changing market prices, labor challenges, and other difficulties; and

WHEREAS, although numerous Americans are still facing uncertain economic times, it is important that citizens consume healthy foods containing adequate vitamins, minerals, iron, proteins, calcium, and other nutrients; and

WHEREAS, achieving better nutrition with fewer resources is a shared concern among our citizens that can be addressed through education and wise shopping strategies; and

WHEREAS, Americans spend a smaller percentage of their incomes on food than anyone else in the world because our farmers are unmatched in their ability to consistently produce an abundance of safe, nutritious, and affordable food;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. Kentucky farmers shall be honored for providing citizens of the Commonwealth and this nation with the most nutritious and affordable food in the world, and February 29 to March 4, 2016, shall be recognized as Food Checkout Week.