

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the Stidger House on being named to the National Register of Historic Places, and applauding the Felix Grundy Stidger Historic Preservation Foundation.

WHEREAS, the historic Stidger House stands on Garrard Street in Taylorsville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Stidger House is a log-framed, clapboard structure that was built in 1830. In 1836, Felix Grundy Stidger, a Union spy who had thwarted an attempt to free Confederate prisoners in the North, was born there. It is believed by some historians that if Stidger had not uncovered the uprising, the outcome of the Civil War might have been different; and

WHEREAS, Felix Grundy Stidger would move to Chicago to flee Confederate sympathizers, but his influence on the war and on intelligence-gathering is widely recognized in Civil War scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, the Stidger House was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, which will allow organizers to restore and preserve the home for its historical and educational significance; and

WHEREAS, Arnie Mueller, the Vice President of the Felix Grundy Stidger Historic Preservation Foundation, noted that the designation not only paves the way for renovation of the home itself, but also for a museum of Taylorsville and Spencer County history; and

WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors and recognizes the Stidger House for being named to the National Register of Historic Places, and in so doing the members commend Arnie Mueller and all those citizens of Taylorsville who labored on behalf of the Stidger House in the name of protecting this integral piece of Kentucky history;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and honors the Stidger House on being

named to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, and grants all those associated with the Felix Grundy Stidger Historic Preservation Foundation best wishes as they continue to foster a better appreciation for the history of Taylorsville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.