

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the designation and declaration of the Mallard
2 as the State Game Waterfowl of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, the Mallard is perhaps the most familiar of all ducks, being found
4 throughout North America, as well as in Europe and Asia and some parts of the Southern
5 Hemisphere; and

6 WHEREAS, Mallards are found in a range of habitats and climates, from the Arctic
7 tundra to subtropical regions; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mallard is found in parks and ponds, rivers and lakes, wetlands
9 and estuaries; and

10 WHEREAS, the Mallard is a dabbling duck that feeds in the water by tipping
11 forward and grazing on underwater plants; and

12 WHEREAS, the gleaming green head, white collar, gray flanks, and black tail-curl
13 of the male Mallard makes it one of the most distinctive and easily identifiable ducks; and

14 WHEREAS, the female Mallard is mottled, with feathers ranging from buff to dark
15 brown, a coloration shared by most female dabbling ducks; and

16 WHEREAS, the Mallard has had a long relationship with humans; and

17 WHEREAS, most breeds of domestic duck are derived from the Mallard; and

18 WHEREAS, the Mallard is commonly hunted for sport and has been consumed for
19 food since ancient times; and

20 WHEREAS, the Mallard is found throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky and
21 is beloved by Kentucky sportsmen and Kentucky bird watchers alike;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly hereby designates and declares the
25 Mallard to be the State Game Waterfowl of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

26 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
27 copy of this Joint Resolution to the Representative from McCracken 1 for presentation to

1 the Ballard County 4-H Council, Ballard County Elementary School Fourth Grade 4-H
2 Clubs, P.O. Box 237, 110 Broadway, LaCenter, Kentucky 42056; and to Gregory
3 Johnson, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsmen's
4 Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.