

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating May 1 of each year as "School Bus Driver  
2 Day" in Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, every day public school is in session, in darkness and daylight, bitter  
4 cold and brutal heat, and in rain, snow, or sunshine, Kentucky's school bus drivers travel  
5 on dirt roads and multi-lane highways to deliver the Commonwealth's school children to  
6 their places of learning and to their homes again on schedule; and

7           WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of that responsibility is great and the hours  
8 difficult; and

9           WHEREAS, the position of a school bus driver requires tremendous maturity and  
10 responsibility, with the ability to drive safely through traffic, regardless of the weather or  
11 road conditions, while maintaining the proper conduct of the children in his or her care  
12 and providing life-saving leadership in the event of emergencies; and

13           WHEREAS, America's 440,000 school buses comprise the largest mass  
14 transportation fleet in the country, more than two and a half times the size of all other  
15 forms of mass transportation combined; and

16           WHEREAS, Kentucky's school districts often encompass large geographic areas,  
17 necessitating extensive use of school buses to transport students; and

18           WHEREAS, each school day, approximately 675,000 public school students and  
19 their parents rely upon dependable school bus service, which a school district provides;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, there are more than 11,000 licensed school bus drivers in the  
22 Commonwealth, operating more than 10,000 registered school buses that travel more than  
23 115 million miles each year; and

24           WHEREAS, the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration has documented  
25 the far smaller number of accidents and fatalities per capita on school buses than in  
26 automobiles driven by either students or parents; and

27           WHEREAS, school bus drivers are an important component in overall student and

1 community safety with their knowledge of their neighborhoods and their ability to observe  
2 suspicious activity or people along their bus routes and communicate that information to  
3 the proper authorities; and

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky's school bus drivers are dedicated to performing their duties  
5 in a safe, courteous, and professional manner;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The first day of May each year is designated, and shall be observed in  
9 Kentucky as "School Bus Driver Day."