

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing Soybean Week in the Commonwealth and  
2 highlighting the versatility of soybeans.

3           WHEREAS, as the "king of beans," soybeans have long been regarded as the most  
4 versatile agricultural commodity in the world; and

5           WHEREAS, soybean production is a multibillion-dollar industry in the United  
6 States with 75 million acres of farmland devoted to growing soybeans. The United States  
7 currently ranks as the leading country in worldwide soybean production; and

8           WHEREAS, soybeans and components of soybeans, soybean oil, and soybean meal,  
9 are used in a wide variety of applications, including feed for the state's No. 1 agricultural  
10 commodity, poultry, as well as livestock feed, ingredients in multiple food products found  
11 on store shelves; biodiesel fuel, industrial applications, and many other uses; and

12           WHEREAS, farmers in Kentucky planted 1.95 million acres of soybeans in 2017,  
13 producing 102.8 million bushels; and

14           WHEREAS, the soybean crop has an economic impact in the Commonwealth of  
15 more than \$1.48 billion, generating income for farm families and related agribusinesses;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, the soybean crop is a significant export commodity for the United  
18 States in a variety of forms: whole beans, soybean meal, soybean oil, and as value-added  
19 exports for international markets that rely on the United States to supply poultry, pork,  
20 and beef; and

21           WHEREAS, farmer-leaders through the Kentucky Soybean Association and the  
22 Kentucky Soybean Board work diligently on behalf of soybean farmers in the  
23 Commonwealth to invest in research and programs that help them produce more soybeans  
24 and increase profitability, and promote the use of soy and soy products in a variety of  
25 applications;

26           NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2       ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby designate the week of  
3 March 5 as Soybean Week in Kentucky and congratulates all those farmers and  
4 agribusiness people involved in the soybean industry in the Commonwealth.

5       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
6 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for delivery.