

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the third Saturday in July as Elliott County Minnie
2 Adkins Day.

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those artists in this
4 Commonwealth who are self-taught, and whose work captures the naturalistic beauty,
5 complexity, and wonder of Kentucky life; and

6 WHEREAS, it is these artists who are working in so many Kentucky communities,
7 and whose efforts are often underappreciated or unknown by those outside their
8 communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Minnie Adkins, an Elliott County native, is one such artist; and

10 WHEREAS, Minnie Adkins began whittling slingshots, bows and arrows, and spool
11 tractors at a young age. Unaware that her endeavors were art, she began to hone her craft
12 into adulthood, and in 1987 began selling her work; and

13 WHEREAS, the demand for her work would become so high that her late husband,
14 Garland Linville Adkins, would began carving as well; and

15 WHEREAS, over the intervening decades, Minnie Adkins has become one of
16 Kentucky's most renowned woodcarving artists; and

17 WHEREAS, Minnie Adkins's favorite subjects are animals. Her famous twig
18 roosters are wonderful objects coveted by so many people who have discovered her work;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Minnie Adkins is also a tireless advocate for folk art. She held the first
21 "A Day in the Country," an annual folk and art fair, at her farm in Isonville in the 1980s,
22 and because of the fair's popularity the Kentucky Folk Art Center took over the event in
23 2001; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Elliott County Fiscal Court honored Minnie Adkins's
25 commitment to folk art and the enduring quality of her work by declaring the third
26 Saturday in July as "Elliott County Minnie Adkins Day"; and

27 WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors Minnie Adkins on this day, and in so doing

1 thanks her for her myriad contributions to folk art in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, the body also recognizes the third Saturday in July as Elliott County
3 Minnie Adkins Day, and grants all those associated with the 2018 celebration very best
4 wishes as they again honor one of Kentucky's artistic treasures;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, both individually and
9 collectively, hereby recognize the third Saturday in July as Elliott County Minnie Adkins
10 Day.

11 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives duly honor Minnie
12 Adkins for her profound contributions as an artist of the first order, and for all she has
13 done on behalf of the folk art movement in Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
15 honor of Minnie Adkins.

16 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
17 copy of this Resolution to Representative Rocky Adkins for delivery.