

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2019 as National Soybean Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, known as the "miracle bean," soybeans have long been regarded as the
3 most versatile agricultural commodity in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, soybean production is a multibillion-dollar industry in the United
5 States, as an estimated 90 million acres of farmland were devoted to growing soybeans in
6 2018. The United States currently ranks as the leading country in worldwide soybean
7 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 leading
10 agricultural commodity, poultry, as well as livestock feed, ingredients in multiple food
11 products found on store shelves, biodiesel fuel, industrial applications, and many other
12 uses; and

13 WHEREAS, farmers in Kentucky planted approximately 2 million acres of
14 soybeans in 2018 that yielded roughly 107 million bushels, making soybeans the largest
15 Kentucky crop by total cash receipts; and

16 WHEREAS, the soybean crop has an economic impact in the Commonwealth of
17 more than \$1.48 billion, which generates income for farm families and related
18 agribusinesses; and

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

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

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
3 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of
5 April 2019 as National Soybean Month and congratulates all those farmers and
6 agribusiness people involved in the soybean industry in the Commonwealth.

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