

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

2 WHEREAS, this body pays special recognition and honor to the Kentucky Folk Art  
3 Center for developing and assembling a collection of folk art produced in Kentucky, as  
4 well as a related library and a priceless and unique folk art archive; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky folk art profiles the extraordinary creative reflections of  
6 ordinary people in the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, folk art is widely acknowledged as a vital and essential aspect of  
8 American culture; and

9 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Folk Art Center contains, protects, and preserves the  
10 premier collection of Kentucky folk art from early in the 20th century until the present  
11 day; and

12 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Folk Art Center's collection embodies the cultural and  
13 historical identity of Kentucky; and

14 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Folk Art Center holds its collection in the public trust  
15 for the cultural and educational benefit of present and future generations of Kentuckians;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Folk Art Center's collection has been assembled since  
18 the mid-1980s through grassroots collecting by its museum staff and through the generous  
19 donations of scores of individual benefactors and donors; and

20 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Folk Art Center is recognized nationally for taking a  
21 comprehensive and innovative approach to one of Kentucky's most important cultural  
22 assets; and

23 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Folk Art Center has been acclaimed by *The Christian*  
24 *Science Monitor* as "a Rosetta Stone for understanding the evolution of American folk  
25 art"; and

26 WHEREAS, this body acknowledges all those that had the foresight to assemble,  
27 conserve, and protect this collection so that for decades to come, anyone can gain insight

1 into the cultural heritage of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize and honor the Kentucky  
6 Folk Art Center and acknowledge the Center's collection as an invaluable cultural  
7 treasure of Kentucky.

8 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the  
9 Kentucky Folk Art Center.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
11 Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb.