

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky's farmers for helping provide citizens with
2 the most nutritious and affordable food in the world, and recognizing February 3 to 9,
3 2019, as Food Check-Out Week in Kentucky.

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky farmers and others involved in agribusiness, working
5 together in an environmentally sustainable way, help feed the people of our
6 Commonwealth, our nation, and those in other countries around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, American farmers are at the heart of the world's most productive and
8 efficient food system, providing an abundant supply of safe and affordable food, despite
9 significant uncertainties such as inclement weather, crop pests, changing market prices,
10 labor challenges, and other difficulties; and

11 WHEREAS, technological advances in agriculture have been influential in driving
12 change in the farm sector, as farmers are able to grow more than ever before on less land.
13 Total farm output across the United States has more than doubled over the last 70 years;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, although numerous Americans are still facing uncertain economic
16 times, it is important that all citizens consume healthy foods containing adequate amounts
17 of essential vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients; and

18 WHEREAS, achieving better nutrition with fewer resources is a shared concern
19 among our citizenry that can be addressed through education and wise shopping
20 strategies; and

21 WHEREAS, American consumers spend less than ten percent of their disposable
22 income on food, less than any other country in the world, because our farmers are
23 unmatched in their ability to consistently produce an abundance of safe, nutritious, and
24 affordable food;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
27 ***Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. Kentucky farmers shall be honored for providing citizens of the
2 Commonwealth and this nation with the most nutritious and affordable food in the world,
3 and February 3 to 9, 2019, shall be recognized as Food Check-Out Week.