

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating Simpson County on its bicentennial.

2 WHEREAS, Simpson County was created by the Kentucky General Assembly on
3 January 28, 1819, the new county having been drawn from portions of Allen, Logan, and
4 Warren Counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Simpson County gained prominence in its first decade as a popular site
6 for fighting duels with deadly weapons, a practice still proscribed today in the oath of
7 office taken by each member of this legislative body; and

8 WHEREAS, the frontier that is now Simpson County was the birthplace of Jim
9 Bowie, father of the Bowie knife and hero at the Alamo, and the birthplace of Alexander
10 Majors, freight hauler to the United States Cavalry and co-founder of the Pony Express;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Simpson County emerged from the hardships of the Civil War to
13 develop a robust and proud agricultural community; and

14 WHEREAS, in the years before World War II, Simpson County became the second-
15 largest mule trading center in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Simpson County's Mule Day Celebration in 1940 was broadcast
17 nationwide by CBS Radio; and

18 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce chose Franklin, the seat of
19 Simpson County, as Kentucky's Number One City in 1956-57 and again in 1958; and

20 WHEREAS, Simpson County in recent decades has recruited a strong
21 manufacturing base, resulting in a prosperous, diversified economy; and

22 WHEREAS, Simpson County is well known today as the site of the Johnny Cash-
23 June Carter wedding in 1968, and as the birthplace of golfer Kenny Perry and actress
24 Annie Potts; and

25 WHEREAS, the residents of Simpson County will be celebrating their bicentennial
26 throughout this year and the next, as the city of Franklin marks its 200th anniversary in
27 2020;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby extend their greetings to the
5 people of Simpson County; commend the citizenry and Simpson County's capable
6 leaders, past and present, for their many achievements over a colorful 200-year history;
7 and, on behalf of all citizens of this great Commonwealth, grant current and future
8 generations of Simpson Countians best wishes for continued success and happiness in the
9 centuries to come.

10 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
11 Resolution to Senator David P. Givens for delivery.