A RESOLUTION honoring Sean and Tia Edwards and The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company.

WHEREAS, The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company is an enterprise that was founded on December 28, 2017, to begin producing bourbon and other spirits; and

WHEREAS, The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company is considered to be the first black-owned bourbon distillery in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Sean and Tia Edwards own The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company; and

WHEREAS, the company produces bourbon in the state of Kentucky with an African American Master Distiller, the first in Kentucky since slavery; and

WHEREAS, The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company developed an exclusive spirit recipe; and

WHEREAS, The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company's products are mashed, fermented, distilled, and ultimately bottled entirely in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company has announced that they plan to build a $5.4 million distillery in downtown Lexington; and

WHEREAS, the company received approval from the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority for up to $325,000 in tax incentives; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 25 new full-time jobs will be created; and

WHEREAS, the bourbon industry is a mainstay of Kentucky's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Sean and Tia Edwards and The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company and acknowledge the importance of this being the first black-owned distillery in Kentucky.

Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Sean and
1 Tia Edwards and The Fresh Bourbon Distilling Company.

2 ➔ Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
3 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery.