

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

27 ➔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.