

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Todd County on the occasion of its bicentennial.

2 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body acknowledge those
3 Communities in this Commonwealth that have served as shining examples of Kentucky's
4 ingenuity, goodwill, and civic pride; and

5 WHEREAS, Todd County is one such community, and in rightful commendation of
6 its citizens and elected leaders, this body honors Todd County upon the celebration of its
7 bicentennial; and

8 WHEREAS, the Kentucky State Legislature approved the establishment of Todd
9 County on April 1, 1820, and Elkton was dedicated as the county seat on May 8, 1820;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Todd County was named in honor of Colonel John Todd, who died in
12 the last battle of the American Revolution; and

13 WHEREAS, Todd County was the birthplace of Robert Penn Warren, author of the
14 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *All the King's Men* and the first Poet Laureate of the United
15 States; and

16 WHEREAS, Todd County is renowned as the birthplace of Benjamin Helm
17 Bristow, the 30th Treasury Secretary of the United States and the first United States
18 Solicitor General. It is also the birthplace of James Clark McReynolds, former United
19 States Attorney General and Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

20 WHEREAS, on September 24, 1904, farmers throughout western Kentucky and
21 northern Tennessee gathered in Todd County in order to form a cooperative in opposition
22 to price-fixing by James Duke and the American Tobacco Company. In response to this
23 uprising, which would become known as the Black Patch Tobacco War, the Supreme
24 Court ruled that the American Tobacco Company had violated antitrust laws and Duke
25 was ordered to disband his operation; and

26 WHEREAS, as it celebrates its bicentennial, Todd County will host a two-step line
27 dance in an attempt to break a Guinness World Record, bringing in 200 dancers to

1 celebrate the county's 200th year; and

2 WHEREAS, the celebration organizers will also rightfully celebrate God in their
3 celebration, in accordance with the community's strong faith and the unwavering moral
4 strength that have allowed Todd County to remain strong, vibrant, and proud after 200
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of this body commend the citizens of Todd County as
7 they prepare to celebrate their beloved community's bicentennial, and in so doing the
8 members duly acknowledge Todd County's special place as a jewel of this
9 Commonwealth;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Todd County upon the occasion of its
14 bicentennial, and grants all Todd Countians best wishes as they recognize the rich and
15 vital history of their beloved home community.

16 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the
17 bicentennial of Todd County, Kentucky.

18 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
19 Resolution to Senator Whitney Westerfield for delivery.