

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating Mr. Steve Kelley of Carlisle County  
2 for being honored as the 2019 Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year.

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Kelley and his wife, Melanie, live on their farm near  
4 Bardwell where they raise corn, wheat, and soybeans on approximately 2,500 acres; and

5           WHEREAS, after Mr. Kelley received his bachelor's and master's degrees in  
6 agriculture from Murray State University, the Kelley family purchased their first farm of  
7 600 acres and have added to that over the years while learning the value of  
8 diversification, new technology, on-farm storage, good stewardship, and solid farm  
9 management; and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley takes advantage of GPS technology to apply fertilizer,  
11 plant, harvest, and spray crops in order to keep overlap to a minimum, conserving inputs  
12 and energy, and utilizing other conservation measures to ensure good environmental  
13 practices; and

14          WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley sees his devotion to the land and the environment as a  
15 responsibility so that his children and grandchildren will benefit from it, as well as all  
16 future generations; and

17          WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a Carlisle County 4-H Council board member  
18 and volunteer, Mr. Kelley has served as president of the Carlisle County Extension  
19 Council and as a past vice president of the Kentucky Corn Growers Association Board of  
20 Directors; and

21          WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley has served as a member and county president of the  
22 Carlisle County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, as well as the Kentucky Farm Bureau  
23 advisory committees and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmer program earlier in his  
24 career; and

25          WHEREAS, Kentucky Farm Bureau names a Farmer of the Year annually in  
26 recognition of an individual whose efforts have strengthened the state's agriculture  
27 industry, as well as one who demonstrates service and leadership both on and off the

1 farm;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby commend and celebrate Mr. Steve  
6 Kelley for being named the 2019 Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year. Mr. Kelley's  
7 dedication to Kentucky agriculture provides an outstanding example to all of the  
8 importance of leadership, hard work, and service to others.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
10 Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll for presentation to Mr. Steve Kelley.