

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2021 as National Soybean Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, known as the "miracle bean," soybeans have long been regarded as the
3 most versatile agricultural commodity in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, soybean production is a multibillion-dollar industry in the United
5 States, as an estimated 84 million acres of farmland were devoted to growing soybeans in
6 2020. The United States currently ranks as the leading country in worldwide soybean
7 production; and

8 WHEREAS, soybeans and components of soybeans, soybean oil, and soybean meal,
9 are used in a wide variety of applications, including feed for the state's leading
10 agricultural commodity, poultry, as well as livestock feed, ingredients in multiple food
11 products found on store shelves, biodiesel fuel, industrial applications, and many other
12 uses; and

13 WHEREAS, farmers in Kentucky planted approximately 1.8 million acres of
14 soybeans in 2020 that yielded roughly 101 million bushels; and

15 WHEREAS, the soybean crop has an economic impact in the Commonwealth of
16 well over \$1 billion, which generates income for farm families and related agribusinesses;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the soybean crop is a significant export commodity for the United
19 States in a variety of forms: whole beans, soybean meal, soybean oil, and as value-added
20 exports for international markets that rely on the United States to supply high-quality
21 poultry, pork, and beef; and

22 WHEREAS, farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association and the Kentucky
23 Soybean Promotion Board work diligently on behalf of soybean farmers across the
24 Commonwealth to invest in research and programs that help them to produce more
25 soybeans and increase profitability, and promote the use of soybeans and soy products in
26 a variety of applications;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of
4 April as National Soybean Month and congratulates all those farmers and agribusiness
5 people involved in the soybean industry in the Commonwealth.

6 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for delivery.