A RESOLUTION honoring the American flag.

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the so-called "Flag Resolution," stating "that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation"; and

WHEREAS, even though the American flag has taken on different iterations and designs over the intervening decades as this nation has grown, it remains a steadfast tribute to the solidarity of these United States and the ultimate symbol of America's unceasing freedom; and

WHEREAS, the American flag symbolizes and secures the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and serves as a constant reminder that we are "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"; and

WHEREAS, the majestic American flag, throughout our history, has received allegiance pledged from Americans all across this nation, and the very sight of the flag reminds every American—regardless of race, religion, or place of birth—of the freedoms we all enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this Commonwealth are reminded each time we look at our nation's flag of the sustained purpose of the American experiment and of the fortune we all share, as citizens of these United States, to live, work, raise a family, vote, and receive an education in a free and just society; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, as Americans carry on the fight for liberty during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the American flag that still guides us and reminds us, as it has since the birth of this great nation, of the thirst for liberty the stars and stripes will always represent;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, both individually and collectively, hereby honor the American flag.

Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives remind all Kentuckians of what the flag represents, and urge the citizens of this Commonwealth to reconnect with the guiding principles symbolized by those stars and stripes.

Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Mary Beth Imes.