

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky Humanities for 50 years of service to the
2 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities, an independent nonprofit affiliate organization
4 of the National Endowment for the Humanities, was established in 1972; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities is devoted to bringing humanity programs to
6 communities across the Commonwealth and recognizes the need to build civic
7 engagement; promote literacy for all ages; and honor the history, literature, philosophy,
8 and values by which we live in all Kentucky counties; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities is dedicated to telling Kentucky's story, because
10 we can all learn from the stories of others that, when taken together, shape our
11 communities, our counties, our regions, and our unique Kentucky culture and heritage;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities has made more than 2,600 grants to
14 organizations in Kentucky, totaling more than \$9 million in 50 years of service to the
15 Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, since tracking began in 1987, Kentucky Humanities has funded more
17 than 15,100 events throughout the state of Kentucky, including Speakers Bureau
18 presentations, Kentucky Chautauqua® dramas, Kentucky Reads book discussions, and
19 other special events; and

20 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities has brought ten Smithsonian traveling
21 exhibitions to Kentucky for a total of 64 six-week tours, reaching a reported audience of
22 more than 77,000; and

23 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities has published more than 48 issues of *Kentucky*
24 *Humanities* magazine and distributed more than 565,000 copies to the citizens of
25 Kentucky; and

26 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities has published 14 new books for new readers
27 with the University Press of Kentucky and has issued more than 75,000 copies of these

1 books to adult emergent readers in Kentucky, and

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities has assumed the management of the Kentucky
3 Book Fair, now called the Kentucky Book Festival, the longest running and premier book
4 festival in the state of Kentucky, now celebrating its 40th year; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky Humanities has sponsored more than 280 Prime Time
6 Family Reading® programs, reaching more than 4,200 families and more than 14,000
7 people in the Commonwealth;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
10 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes and congratulates Kentucky
12 Humanities for 50 years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all 120
13 counties.

14 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to Kentucky Humanities, 206 East Maxwell Street, Lexington,
16 Kentucky 40508.