

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Summer Shade community on its 150th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Summer Shade, a tight-knit community nestled in the southwestern
4 part of Metcalfe County, has a rich and varied history, not known to many Kentuckians;
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6 WHEREAS, Summer Shade was originally known as Sartain Precinct, after the
7 Sartain family that lived near Glover's Creek. As more people began to settle in the
8 Sartain Precinct, it would later become Glover's Creek, in honor of Capt. Jobe Glover
9 who organized the 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry during the War of 1812; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1872, Summer Shade would become known as it is today, after
11 being named by W.M. Riggs, postmaster, allegedly due to the abundant shade in the town
12 and the spring on the eastern side of the town where travelers could stop, rest, and get a
13 cool drink; and

14 WHEREAS, around the turn of the 20th century, symbolizing the growth in
15 commerce in the community, Oscar Harvey and Clayton White built a large two-story
16 general merchandise store, which, according to Paul D. Bushong, was "the largest
17 building between Glasgow and Burkesville." The building still stands today; and

18 WHEREAS, similar to its history, Summer Shade has had notable people with
19 varied accomplishments; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. C. C. Howard, a prominent Kentucky physician, was born in
21 Summer Shade. Dr. Howard tirelessly worked to improve health care in rural areas by
22 advocating and helping pass a law that created six regional tuberculosis hospitals in
23 Kentucky. He was also instrumental in establishing the Rural Kentucky Medical
24 Scholarship Fund, and received the Governor's Medallion for outstanding leadership in
25 the field of rural medicine for his efforts, as well as the Kentucky Medical Association's
26 first Distinguished Service Award; and

27 WHEREAS, Charles "Pat" Dougherty, a star left-handed pitcher with the Leland

1 Giants in the Negro Baseball Leagues, was born in Summer Shade. Described by the
2 press as a "big side-wheeler," Dougherty finished the 1910 season with a perfect 13-0
3 record. The manager at the time, Rube Foster, declared the team "the greatest of all time,
4 black or white," due in large part to Dougherty's near-perfect pitching season; and

5 WHEREAS, Peter Wade "Pete" Depp, an engineer and inventor, who designed and
6 built Kentucky's first and only electric chair, lived in Summer Shade. Depp would later
7 become the first executioner at the state penitentiary, using the very chair he designed and
8 built for executions. In addition to his design and creation of the electric chair, Depp was
9 the chief electrician for the state penitentiary, and worked as an engineer with the
10 machinery that produced electricity for the state Capitol; and

11 WHEREAS, much like the two-story general merchandise store, built over 100
12 years ago, the Summer Shade community still stands and thrives, 150 years later, in large
13 part because of the resiliency of her people;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

15 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
16 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

17 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor and
18 recognize the Summer Shade community for its over 150 years of existence.

19 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
20 copy of this Resolution to Representative Bart Rowland.