

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 19, 2022, as National Poultry Day in  
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, the United States has the largest broiler chicken industry in the world,  
4 with nearly 18 percent of production exported to other countries; and

5 WHEREAS, chickens and chicken eggs are the largest agricultural commodity in  
6 Kentucky, with a total industry value of an estimated \$1.2 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky produces approximately 300 million broiler chickens and  
8 over 1 billion eggs every year; and

9 WHEREAS, the turkey industry is responsible for well over 2,000 jobs and  
10 contributes roughly \$400 million to Kentucky's economy each year; and

11 WHEREAS, the poultry industry as a whole in Kentucky directly accounts for  
12 approximately 7,000 industry employees and pays out over \$315 million in direct job  
13 wages, while sustaining an additional 20,000 jobs in the supply and ancillary industries;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to over 850 large scale poultry farms and 3,200  
16 poultry houses in 49 counties, and the industry continues to grow across the  
17 Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, the average Kentucky poultry farm is owned and managed by a family  
19 farmer and consists of less than five poultry houses; and

20 WHEREAS, Kentucky's poultry industry is the largest buyer of Kentucky grown  
21 corn and soybeans, which totals approximately 25% of both the Kentucky grown corn and  
22 soybean harvests; and

23 WHEREAS, Americans buy more chicken than any other protein source, as per  
24 capita consumption of chicken is approximately 115 pounds each year; and

25 WHEREAS, poultry is an excellent source of essential nutrients that benefits eaters  
26 of all ages, and provides as much as 31 grams of high quality complete protein per  
27 serving;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4           ➔Section 1.   The House of Representatives does hereby recognize March 19,  
5       2022, as National Poultry Day and commends all poultry farmers, processors, and other  
6       agribusiness members involved in poultry production across the Commonwealth for their  
7       hard work and dedication.

8           ➔Section 2.   The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
9       copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed and to the Kentucky Poultry  
10      Federation, 2248 University Station, Murray, Kentucky 42071.