

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to designate Big Bone
2 Lick State Historic Site as a national historical park and directing the Kentucky Tourism,
3 Arts and Heritage Cabinet to work in conjunction with the United States Congress and
4 the United States Department of the Interior to facilitate in this endeavor.

5 WHEREAS, visitors can enjoy Big Bone Lick State Historic Site's rich landscape
6 and unique experiences, with a visit to its salty natural springs from which the site gets its
7 name; a glimpse of the bison herd roaming the grounds; a walk through the visitor center
8 where fossils and life-size replicas of many prehistoric animals are displayed; or by
9 participating in entertaining and informative lessons in local geology and Native
10 American history; and

11 WHEREAS, the first map of Kentucky prepared in 1784 stated on the legend: "Big
12 Bone Lick; Salt and Medical Spring. Large bones are found there"; and

13 WHEREAS, Big Bone Lick State Historic Site gained further national significance
14 when, at the request of President Thomas Jefferson, expeditions by Meriwether Lewis
15 and William Clark led to digs at Big Bone Lick in 1803 and 1807, that established the site
16 as the birthplace of American vertebrate paleontology; and

17 WHEREAS, Big Bone Lick State Historic Site has been recognized as the key to
18 understanding the life of the Ice Age in North America; and

19 WHEREAS, Big Bone Lick has been included in indexes of all the principal
20 geological, paleontological, and scientific journals in the United States, England,
21 Germany, and France;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly urges the United States Congress,
25 including the Kentucky Congressional delegation, to designate Big Bone Lick State
26 Historic Site as a national historical park and directs the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and
27 Heritage Cabinet to work in conjunction with the United States Congress and the United

1 States Department of the Interior to facilitate this endeavor.

2 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send a copy of this Resolution to the
3 Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Clerk of the Senate of the
4 United States, each member of the Kentucky Congressional delegation, and the Kentucky
5 Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.