

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Somernites Cruise.

2 WHEREAS, Somernites Cruise is a car show held on the fourth Saturday of the
3 month from April through October that delivers an exciting, family-oriented atmosphere
4 in an entirely original setting in Somerset, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, on March 25, 2010, the General Assembly designated Somerset as the
6 official Car Cruise Capital of Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, since 2001, Somernites Cruise has hosted 165 events, with 151,935
8 vehicles, and over 1,000,000 attendees; and

9 WHEREAS, Somernites Cruise participants have traveled to Somerset from five
10 countries and 49 states. Each month, attendees come from around 14 different states; and

11 WHEREAS, the August 2022 Somernites Cruise event was the largest show when
12 the organizers attempted to break the Guinness World Record for the longest Ford parade
13 with 2,086 show vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS, historic vehicles from blockbuster movies, including the Batmobile,
15 the DeLorean from *Back to the Future*, and the Mustang in Steve McQueen's *Bullitt*, have
16 participated in the Somernites Cruise events; and

17 WHEREAS, the Somernites Cruise organizers have created separate events,
18 including Campin' the Cumberland, Somernites Covered Bridges of Kentucky Cruise,
19 and Somernites Jeep & 4x4 Nationals; and

20 WHEREAS, Somernites Cruise's economic impact on the Somerset community is
21 between \$12 and \$15 million each year, totaling over a quarter of a billion dollars since
22 2001;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
25 ***Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize the 25th anniversary of the
27 Somernites Cruise for its prevailing economic impact on the Somerset community.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Rick Girdler.