

House Resolution 1992

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and Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is the highest honor awarded by the  
4 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, these Colonels are Kentucky's ambassadors of goodwill and fellowship around  
6 the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the order began when Kentucky's first governor, Isaac Shelby, named his  
8 son-in-law, Charles S. Todd, the "colonel" of his staff; Shelby later issued commissions to  
9 all who enlisted in his regiment in the War of 1812; and

10 WHEREAS, subsequent Kentucky governors commissioned colonels to act as their  
11 protective guard; the colonels wore uniforms and were present at most official functions; and

12 WHEREAS, the official "Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels" was founded in 1932 by  
13 then-Governor Ruby Laffoon and has since been incorporated as a charitable organization;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, through the years, Kentucky Colonels have contributed thousands of dollars to  
16 worthy causes; and

17 WHEREAS, Kentucky's governor and lieutenant governor serve as the commander-in-chief  
18 and deputy commander-in-chief, respectively, and all officers serve without pay or  
19 compensation; and

20 WHEREAS, Kentucky colonelships are commissioned for an individual's contributions to  
21 his or her community, state, or nation and for special achievements; and

22 WHEREAS, the certificate, signed by the Governor and Secretary of State and bearing the  
23 seal of Kentucky, has hung on the walls of such distinguished leaders as President Lyndon  
24 B. Johnson and English Prime Minister Winston Churchill; and

25 WHEREAS, other well-known Colonels include Harland "Colonel" Sanders, Muhammad  
26 Ali, Betty White, George Clooney, Ashley Judd, Johnny Depp, Kenny Perry, and Elvis  
27 Presley.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize and commend the Honorable Order of Kentucky  
30 Colonels.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Order of  
33 Kentucky Colonels.