

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky's farmers for helping provide citizens with  
2 the most nutritious and affordable food in the world, and recognizing February 19 to 25,  
3 2017, as Food Checkout Week.

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky farmers and others involved in agribusiness, working  
5 together in an environmentally sustainable way, help feed the people of our  
6 Commonwealth and our nation, as well as those in other countries around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, American farmers are at the heart of the world's most productive and  
8 efficient food system, providing an abundant supply of safe and affordable food, despite  
9 dealing with significant uncertainties such as inclement weather, crop pests, changing  
10 market prices, labor challenges, and other difficulties; and

11 WHEREAS, although numerous Americans are still facing uncertain economic  
12 times, it is important that citizens consume healthy foods containing adequate vitamins,  
13 minerals, iron, proteins, calcium, and other nutrients; and

14 WHEREAS, achieving better nutrition with fewer resources is a shared concern  
15 among our citizens that can be addressed through education and wise shopping strategies;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Americans spend a smaller percentage of their incomes on food than  
18 anyone else in the world because our farmers are unmatched in their ability to  
19 consistently produce an abundance of safe, nutritious, and affordable food;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. Kentucky farmers shall be honored for providing citizens of the  
24 Commonwealth and this nation with the most nutritious and affordable food in the world,  
25 and February 19 to 25, 2017, shall be recognized as Food Checkout Week