

1 A RESOLUTION commending the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation.

2 WHEREAS, railroads are deeply embedded in Kentucky history; and

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation seeks to bring about
4 economic development through rail-related tourism and operating steam locomotives; and

5 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation, in partnership with CSX
6 Transportation, Estill County Schools, the Estill Development Alliance, R. J. Corman
7 Railroad Group, and Hardy Oil, is working to contribute to tourism and economic
8 development in Kentucky by creating a multi-use, rail-based tourist attraction and
9 economic development project in Irvine, Kentucky, that will integrate the region's history,
10 natural beauty, and culture into a 45-acre campus known as The Yard; and

11 WHEREAS, The Yard will contribute to tourism and the local economy in the
12 eastern Kentucky area by incorporating a food truck venue, the Hardy Pavilion, a great
13 lawn, and more, where visitors can participate in activities including but not limited to
14 visiting farmers markets and food trucks, train rides, steam locomotive demonstrations,
15 concerts, visiting a gift shop and Rail Heritage Center Museum, and visiting a restaurant
16 and brewery; and

17 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation will partner with Estill
18 County and other regional schools to establish a vocational program for learners
19 interested in learning a trade, with programs to develop skills in welding, pipefitting,
20 machining, and tool and die; and

21 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation is contributing to tourism
22 and the economy not only in Kentucky but throughout our nation as, for example, it has
23 partnered with the Railroad Museum of New England which plans to host C&O 2716, a
24 steam locomotive owned by the Kentucky Railway Museum that is leased and being
25 restored by the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives commends the Kentucky Steam
3 Heritage Corporation for its work to preserve Kentucky history, foster education, and
4 contribute to tourism and economic growth in eastern Kentucky.

5 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
6 copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation, 499 Kirkland
7 Avenue, Irvine, Kentucky 40336.