

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 1498

Supporting the designation of “National Bourbon Heritage Month”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Mr. MCGARVEY (for himself, Mr. BARR, and Mr. COMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of “National Bourbon Heritage Month”.

Whereas bourbon is the only spirit distinctive to the United States, and Congress declared bourbon as “America’s Native Spirit” in 1964;

Whereas Kentucky is the birthplace of bourbon and the true home of America’s only native spirit;

Whereas Kentucky produces 95 percent of the world’s supply of bourbon;

Whereas Kentucky has 100 licensed distilleries operated by 84 companies in 42 counties;

Whereas bourbon contributes over \$9 billion and 23,000 jobs to Kentucky’s economy every year;

Whereas Kentucky distilleries shipped over \$500 million of products abroad in 2022, most of which was bourbon;

Whereas bourbon production uses millions of bushels of corn and other grains grown by Kentucky farmers;

Whereas bourbon is synonymous with Kentucky all over the world;

Whereas Kentucky distillers play a critical role in promoting responsible consumption of their products and fighting against underage use, high-risk drinking, and impaired driving;

Whereas the Kentucky Bourbon Trail is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, during the month of September, the Federal Government, States, cities, and towns will celebrate “National Bourbon Heritage Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of “National Bour-  
3       bon Heritage Month”;

4               (2) recognizes bourbon as “America’s Native  
5       Spirit” and celebrates its place in American history  
6       and culture; and

7               (3) recognizes the contributions of the Com-  
8       monwealth of Kentucky to the culture of the United  
9       States.

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