

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2020 as National Soybean Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, known as the "miracle bean," soybeans have long been regarded as the  
3 most versatile agricultural commodity in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, soybean production is a multibillion-dollar industry in the United  
5 States, as an estimated 77 million acres of farmland were devoted to growing soybeans in  
6 2019. The United States currently ranks as the leading country in worldwide soybean  
7 production; and

8 WHEREAS, soybeans and components of soybeans, soybean oil, and soybean meal,  
9 are used in a wide variety of applications, including feed for the state's leading  
10 agricultural commodity, poultry, as well as livestock feed, ingredients in multiple food  
11 products found on store shelves, biodiesel fuel, industrial applications, and many other  
12 uses; and

13 WHEREAS, farmers in Kentucky planted approximately 1.7 million acres of  
14 soybeans in 2019 that yielded roughly 90 million bushels, making soybeans the largest  
15 Kentucky crop by total cash receipts; and

16 WHEREAS, the soybean crop has an economic impact in the Commonwealth of  
17 well over \$1 billion, which generates income for farm families and related agribusinesses;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the soybean crop is a significant export commodity for the United  
20 States in a variety of forms: whole beans, soybean meal, soybean oil, and as value-added  
21 exports for international markets that rely on the United States to supply high-quality  
22 poultry, pork, and beef; and

23 WHEREAS, farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association and the Kentucky  
24 Soybean Promotion Board work diligently on behalf of soybean farmers across the  
25 Commonwealth to invest in research and programs that help them to produce more  
26 soybeans and increase profitability, and promote the use of soybeans and soy products in  
27 a variety of applications;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

2       *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
3       *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4           ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of  
5       April as National Soybean Month and congratulates all those farmers and agribusiness  
6       people involved in the soybean industry in the Commonwealth.

7           ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
8       copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for delivery.