

A RESOLUTION recognizing Hopkinsville-Christian County as the point of Greatest Eclipse and the best place on Earth to view the 2017 North American Solar Eclipse.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will be visible from the contiguous United States for the first time in 37 years; and

WHEREAS, the total solar eclipse will be the first since 1918 with a path of totality crossing the United States' Pacific and Atlantic Coasts; and

WHEREAS, the ideal place to view this event will be in western Kentucky just northwest of Hopkinsville, in the Bainbridge/Sinking Fork area of Christian County; and

WHEREAS, the total solar eclipse is being called "the most exciting two minutes and 40 seconds in astronomy," and the citizens of Hopkinsville-Christian County are already preparing for this once-in-a-lifetime viewing experience; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body today recognizes Hopkinsville-Christian County as the best place on Earth to view the 2017 total solar eclipse, grants all its public officials and residents best wishes as they prepare for this unique event, and acknowledges Kentucky's vibrant community of astronomers for what they have done on behalf of the sciences in this Commonwealth and across this great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes Hopkinsville-Christian County as the best place on Earth to view the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, and commends all those in Hopkinsville-Christian County for what they have done and continue to do to prepare for this historic event.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Whitney Westerfield.