

A RESOLUTION recognizing Clarkson as the "Honey Bee Capital of Kentucky."

WHEREAS, the importance of honey bees in our society has long been documented, and the honey they produce can be used as an ingredient in food, medicine, hygiene products, and other items; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has recognized the importance of the honey bee by designating it the official state agricultural insect; and

WHEREAS, the Kelley Beekeeping Company, founded by Walter T. Kelley, moved to Clarkson in 1954, and has grown into one of the largest manufacturers of beekeeping supplies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, Clarkson has held the Honeyfest, an annual festival celebrating the community's ties to the honey industry. Honeyfest attracts tens of thousands of visitors from across the state each September; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Kentucky General Assembly designated the Clarkson Honeyfest the "Official State Honey Festival of Kentucky"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkson has embraced its connection to the honey bee by joining the Bee City USA program and adopting the slogan "The Sweetest Little City in Kentucky"; and

WHEREAS, Clarkson has long been acknowledged around the Commonwealth and the nation as Kentucky's honey bee capital thanks to the Kelley Beekeeping Company and annual Clarkson Honeyfest; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body recognizes Clarkson as the "Honey Bee Capital of Kentucky" on this day, and in so doing acknowledges all those who have worked so diligently to make the town synonymous with honey and bees in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, this body also grants the organizers of the Clarkson Honeyfest best wishes as they continue to prepare for this fall's event, which will take place in Clarkson from September 21-24, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize Clarkson as the "Honey Bee Capital of Kentucky," and commend the City of Clarkson, the Kelley Beekeeping Company, and the Clarkson Honeyfest committee for all they do for the economy, the culture, and the vitality of Clarkson, Grayson County, and of this entire Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator C. B. Embry Jr. for delivery.