

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act.

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, popularly referred to as the Pittman-Robinson Act, imposes an excise tax on firearms and ammunition as well as archery equipment to be used for preservation, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitat and for hunter safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the Act was predicated on the knowledge that hunter, anglers, and trappers have a vested interest in the conservation of fish and wildlife and in the healthy sustainability of wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, for the more than 50 years that the program has been in existence, over \$2 billion in excise taxes has been collected and matched by more than \$500 million in state funds, most of which comes from hunting and fishing licenses; and

WHEREAS, in Kentucky, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, has been a stable source of funding that has been instrumental in the restoration of deer, turkey, elk, and black bear and in expanding responsible hunting opportunities for a state that prides itself on its commitment to hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act also has been used for a portion of the funding for land acquisitions that make up the more than 1.6 million acres of Wildlife Management Areas located throughout the Commonwealth that create public access for hunting and fishing and for wildlife disease surveillance and reporting;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. On this 75th anniversary of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, the Kentucky State Senate honors the many hunters, anglers, and other persons who by their purchases support funding for fish and wildlife and hunter safety programs in the

Commonwealth and across the nation.

→Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send a copy of this Resolution to Commissioner Jon Gasset, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.