

A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky's native son Tim Farmer for his more than a quarter-century of inspirationally serving Kentucky's sportsmen and sportswomen, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, physically challenged persons everywhere, and for his proud military service to his country.

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer was born March 18, 1964, in Louisville, but soon moved with his parents to rural Kentucky and grew up in Mason and Carter Counties; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer proudly joined the United States Marine Corps in December 1983, but while returning home after graduating boot camp was gravely injured in a June 1984 motorcycle accident and permanently lost the use of his right arm; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer exercised exceptional personal drive and initiative through years of intensive therapy and overcame considerable physical challenges to become a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources fisheries technician working to manage state streams and lakes; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer continued to overcome his injury, pushing to excel at such strenuous and accuracy-demanding outdoor pursuits as archery, hunting, and fishing by using his teeth to draw a bow and crank a fishing reel, and learning to master a shotgun or rifle one-handed; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer continued his personal ascent to become host of *Kentucky Afield Television*, the longest-running outdoor show in the country, where, through his infectious charm, magnetic charisma, and outdoor skills, he invited the riches of Kentucky's fish and wildlife into our homes and onto our TV screens each week for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer won five Emmy awards in the last 10 years as he invited each of us to join him in the field, on the water, and in the woods, and witness the 1999 final release of trapped and translocated white-tailed deer that became the nucleus of

today's top-rated herd in the nation; multiple wild turkey releases that were the seeds of today's flock of a quarter-million birds; a restoration of free-ranging elk, extirpated from the Commonwealth more than a century and a half ago, that now represent a herd larger than all other herds east of the Rocky Mountains added together; and dozens of new trophy fisheries that attract tourists from multiple surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer often meets, challenges, and motivates school-aged youth, wounded warriors, and hundreds of others attempting to overcome physical challenges each year; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer continues to host charity fund drives for Lexington's Cardinal Hill Hospital each year; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer recently retired after hosting *Kentucky Afield* for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer is now hosting two successful new television shows—*Tim Farmer's Country Kitchen*, a down-home country cooking show, and *Tim Farmer's Homemade Jam*, featuring down-home Kentucky musicians;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives is proud to celebrate the inspiring career and personal contributions to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's native son Tim Farmer, whose courage and commitment are a shining example to all.

➔Section 2. The House of Representatives, taking from Tim's classic sign-off, encourages "all hunters and anglers entering private lands to first ask permission, and be sure to thank the landowner."

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Mike Denham for presentation.