

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing the Battle of Blue Licks.

WHEREAS, the Battle of Blue Licks was fought on the site of the Blue Licks Battlefield State Park in Robertson County on August 19, 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Blue Licks is known as the last battle of the Revolutionary War in Kentucky. In that famous battle, 182 members of the Kentucky Militia gathered at Bryan's Station near Lexington to avenge the incendiary acts of British and Indian forces, who burned houses, killed livestock, and burned hemp in the fields. After two days, the commander of the British forces, Captain William Caldwell, ordered his forces to retreat; and

WHEREAS, three groups of Kentucky militia followed the British. The militiamen were under the command of Colonel John Todd of Fayette County, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Trigg of Harrodstown, and Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Boone of Boonesborough; and

WHEREAS, as they approached the Licking River northeast of Millersburg, the Kentucky forces discovered that the British were retreating at a leisurely pace. Daniel Boone suggested they not ford the river because it would be a perfect place for an ambush, an assertion that proved correct, but after much consideration the Kentucky forces tried to outflank the British. This maneuver proved to be disastrous for the Kentucky forces, which lost 15 officers and many more privates; and

WHEREAS, these losses were disastrous but not in vain. As a response to the Battle of Blue Licks, George Rogers Clark took 1,050 riflemen and destroyed Chillicothe, a Shawnee town north of the Ohio River, a pivotal victory for the Revolution;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor and recognize the Battle of Blue Licks, stand in solemn praise for all those men who lost their

lives that day, and acknowledge the deep history of the battle and thank all those associated with the Blue Licks Battlefield State Park for their continuing support of Kentucky history.

→Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Mike Denham.