GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, in
2 collaboration with the Buffalo Trace Area Development District, to develop a covered
3 wooden bridges trail.
4 WHEREAS, Kentucky once was the home to hundreds of covered wooden bridges;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, currently there are only thirteen covered wooden bridges that remain
7 within the Commonwealth; and
8 WHEREAS, covered wooden bridges are a scenic connection to our shared past,
9 and the sounds, sights, and smells of wood predating the dawn of industrialization
10 provide a unique sensory link to an era long ago; and
11 WHEREAS, all covered wooden bridges in the Commonwealth are designated as
12 state shrines and officially marked by the Kentucky Historical Society; and
13 WHEREAS, historians, genealogists, travelers, and tourists come from near and far
14 to view, photograph, and experience covered wooden bridges; and
15 WHEREAS, the popularity of covered wooden bridges called to attention by the
16 bestselling novel "Bridges of Madison County" brought an economic windfall to Madison
17 County, Iowa; and
18 WHEREAS, it is the considered opinion of tourism officials in the Buffalo Trace
19 Area Development District that the unmatched beauty and historic significance of
20 covered wooden bridges in Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, and Robertson Counties
21 would bring an even greater number of visitors to the area if the existence and availability
22 of the area's covered wooden bridges were more widely known;
23 NOW, THEREFORE,
24 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***
25 ➔Section 1. The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, in collaboration with
26 officials and representatives of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District, shall
27 develop a covered wooden bridge trail to introduce, locate, and popularize these historic

1 state shrines in an effort to bring greater numbers of visitors to the area.

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date 13 APRIL 2016