

A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky Main Street program administration and participants.

WHEREAS, a knowledge of history gives us a sense of identity through knowing how we are similar and how we are in contrast with our past; it helps us understand people and the societies from which we, and they, come; and

WHEREAS, a strong downtown contributes to the economic vitality of a community while cities' architecture and commercial patterns distill a sense of place, and Kentuckians have always had a keen sense of place and have identified themselves with their localities; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, the Kentucky Main Street program has played a vital role in helping to preserve the architecture and economic vitality of cities' downtowns through their four point approach that focuses on organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the Main Street program in Kentucky, more than \$3.5 billion has been reinvested in Kentucky's economy due to the efforts of the program's administrators, as well as the leaders and citizens of the many communities that have participated in the program; and

WHEREAS, the most recent recipients of the 2012 Kentucky Main Street program awards were honored in Frankfort on January 25th; and

WHEREAS, receiving awards were: the Hart of Scottsville; Bellevue Renaissance; Discover Downtown Middlesboro; Heart of Danville; Paris Main Street Program; Springfield Main Street/Renaissance in association with the Louisville Store Building; and Main Street Russellville;

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 does hereby laud and congratulate not

only the winners of the 2012 Kentucky Main Street program awards, but the manifold winners, and all who have participated in the course of the more than 30 years of the Kentucky Main Street program as their efforts have contributed not only to the grand historical aesthetic beauty of Kentucky's downtown areas, but have also contributed to the regions' economies, and have helped us, as Kentuckians, preserve and develop our sense of self and our place in the world.

➔Section 2. The House of Representatives further salutes the individuals working for the Kentucky Main Street program, as well as the Kentucky Heritage Council, as it is their labors, steeped in true commitment, that facilitate the common good that we as citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky enjoy.

➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the individuals involved in the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Kentucky Main Street program, the winners of the 2012 Kentucky Main Street program, and all the individuals who have contributed to the historic and economic health of Kentucky's communities.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Heritage Council, Kentucky Main Street Program, 300 Washington Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.