

A RESOLUTION in honor of Katelynn Stinnett.

WHEREAS, Katelynn Stinnett was a victim of child abuse and died at the age of two years old on December 3, 2008, as a result of the injuries she sustained; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems across the United States and in the Commonwealth which in 2007 led the nation in the per capita number of child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Katelynn Stinnett was one of 31 children who died as a result of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Department for Community Based Services had 30,827 cases that met the criteria for an investigation of child abuse or neglect, with 45,657 children involved in those cases, and 9,470 cases, and 23 fatalities where abuse or neglect was substantiated; and

WHEREAS, reports show that in Kentucky 71 percent of children in child fatality cases were three years of age or younger; and

WHEREAS, Katelynn Stinnett has been honored each year since her passing with the Katelynn Stinnett National Memorial Ride in which motorcycle riders from across the country ride on the same day, minute, and hour to raise awareness and funds for child abuse prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Katelynn Stinnett National Memorial Ride had participants from 43 states and raised more than \$150,000, of which \$4,000 was raised in Lexington, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, continuing efforts are needed to raise awareness and to prevent child abuse and neglect to ensure that there are no more victims like Katelynn Stinnett;

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 commends those individuals and

organizations involved in efforts aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect throughout the Commonwealth.

→Section 2. When the House of Representatives does adjourn this day, it does so in honor of Katelynn Stinnett.