

AN ACT designating the Clarkson Honeyfest as the official state honey festival.

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the Clarkson Honeyfest in Clarkson, Kentucky has been one of the largest festivals in Grayson County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Clarkson Honeyfest is an annual bee-themed festival celebrating Grayson County's ties to the honey industry; and

WHEREAS, each year the city celebrates by hanging bee-themed flags and ribbons and decorating light poles throughout the city for the annual festival; and

WHEREAS, the Clarkson Honeyfest is held the last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in September and hosts numerous activities such as beauty pageants, decorating contests, children's rides, bluegrass musical performances, parades, auctions, and craft booths; and

WHEREAS, each year hundreds of people come from all over the Commonwealth for the Clarkson Honeyfest; and

WHEREAS, the Clarkson Honeyfest was named for the Walter T. Kelley Beehive Factory in Clarkson, Kentucky, one of the largest manufacturers of honey and beekeeping supplies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Clarkson Honeyfest boosts not only the local economy and tourism, but the state economy and tourism as well;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Clarkson Honeyfest is named and designated the official state honey festival.