

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2013

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE ADOPTION OF H.R. 2570 THE "VALLEY VIEW FERRY PRESERVATION ACT OF 2013".

WHEREAS, the Valley View Ferry is an important transportation option in Central Kentucky and carries over 8,000 passengers a month; and

WHEREAS, the Valley View Ferry has a long history and is one of the oldest businesses in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Jessamine and Madison and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government jointly formed the Valley View Ferry Authority to operate the Ferry; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky River is defined as a "navigable river", even though the United States Army Corps of Engineers has closed the locks on dams 5-14; and

WHEREAS, the Valley View Ferry is operated along guide wires between the departure and arrival points; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has very stringent requirements for the operation of ferries on navigable rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Valley View Ferry has reduced its operating hours because it cannot find adequate employees meeting the necessary Coast Guard licensing; and

WHEREAS, United States Congressman Andy Barr, representing the 6th District of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, has introduced H.R. 2570 the "Valley View Preservation Act of 2013", which would reduce the licensing requirements for guided-wire ferries; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government wants to make known its support for H.R. 2570.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Preamble to this Resolution be and hereby is incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

Section 2 - That the Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests that the United States Congress strongly consider adopting H.R. 2570 the "Valley View Preservation Act of 2013".

Section 3 - That the Clerk of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council be and hereby is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to United States Congressman Andy Barr, 1432 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 and 2709 Old Rosebud Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40509.

Section 4 - That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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