

110TH CONGRESS
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Designating September 2007 as “National Bourbon Heritage Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BUNNING submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating September 2007 as “National Bourbon Heritage
Month”.

Whereas Congress declared bourbon as “America’s Native
Spirit” in 1964, making it the only spirit distinctive to
the United States;

Whereas the history of bourbon-making is interwoven with
the history of the United States, from the first settlers
of Kentucky in the 1700s, who began the bourbon-mak-
ing process, to the 2,000 families and farmers distilling
bourbon in Kentucky by the 1800s;

Whereas bourbon has been used as a form of currency;

Whereas generations have continued the heritage and tradi-
tion of the bourbon-making process, unchanged from the
process used by their ancestors centuries before;

Whereas individual recipes for bourbon call for natural ingredients, utilizing the local Kentucky farming community and leading to continued economic development for the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

Whereas generations of people in the United States have traveled to Kentucky to experience the family heritage, tradition, and deep-rooted legacy that the Commonwealth contributes to the United States;

Whereas each year during September visitors from over 13 countries attend a Kentucky-inspired commemoration to celebrate the history of the Commonwealth, the distilleries, and bourbon;

Whereas people who enjoy bourbon should do so responsibly and in moderation; and

Whereas members of the beverage alcohol industry should continue efforts to promote responsible consumption and to eliminate drunk driving and underage drinking: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 2007 as “National
3 Bourbon Heritage Month”;

4 (2) recognizes bourbon as “America’s Native
5 Spirit” and reinforces its heritage and tradition and
6 its place in the history of the United States; and

7 (3) recognizes the contributions of the Com-
8 monwealth of Kentucky to the culture of the United
9 States.