

The Senate
Commonwealth of Kentucky

SR 245

Introduced by Senator Brandon Smith on March 25, 2010

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing the Young Professionals of East Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Young Professionals of East Kentucky (YPEK) was founded in 2009 by Kevin Smith as a way to bring young professionals in east Kentucky together for networking, dialogue, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, YPEK strives to prepare and nurture young professionals to lead with vision and passion, and to fuel east Kentucky's business and social climate with new energy and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in light of the "brain drain" in east Kentucky, YPEK hopes to help attract and retain the best and brightest from within the region; and

WHEREAS, YPEK plans to form working groups to study and undertake projects around six themes: economic development, energy and environment, education, health care, technology, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, YPEK serves 32 east Kentucky counties, seven area development districts, and over 10,000 square miles; and

WHEREAS, the YPEK Board of Directors is composed of President and Founder Kevin Smith, Vice President Brad Parke, Secretary Chas Gayheart, Treasurer Rebecca Webster, Dr. Shelli Deskins, Karen Engle, Grayson Smith, Johnathon Gay, Jamirae Hammons Green, Eric McPeek, and Ryan Stratton; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this Honorable Body take time to recognize the initiative, drive, and effort of this outstanding group of young men and women, whose leadership and vision will continue to change the complexion of east Kentucky for the

benefit of its residents, visitors, and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby honor and recognize the Young Professionals of East Kentucky, and President and Founder Kevin Smith, for their initiative, dedication, and leadership, and extends best wishes for the future as they strive to make east Kentucky a better place to live and work.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Young Professionals of East Kentucky, P.O. Box 404, London, Kentucky 40743.