

RESOLUTION 95 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE FISCAL COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY
OPPOSING UNNECESSARY AND EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF THE
TOBACCO INDUSTRIES.

WHEREAS, the farmer has been the guardian of the lands and
waters since the conception of this nation, and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
is directly and indirectly causing undo hardship on farmers
through excessive regulation of the agriculture industry, and

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration
(FDA) is considering further regulation of tobacco that will be
detrimental to the crop's future and the economy of the producing
states, and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is the nation's second largest grower of
tobacco and the number one producer of burley tobacco, and

WHEREAS, one in every eleven jobs in Kentucky is generated
and supported by tobacco, in that, it is grown in more than 90%
of Kentucky's 120 counties, and

WHEREAS, in Madison County farmers raise more than 10 1/2
million pounds of tobacco each year, creating over 10,000 jobs
directly related to the Madison County tobacco industry, and

WHEREAS, Madison County's tobacco crop generates in excess
of \$20,000,000 a year in revenue which contributes substantially
to the health and welfare of Richmond's and Madison County's
economy, and

WHEREAS, further regulation of tobacco through excessive and
arbitrary regulation of advertising, production and distribution
would have a devastating effect on the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
the County of Madison and the City of Richmond.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Madison County Fiscal
Court that:

SECTION I

1. Kentucky Senators Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell and
Congressmen Edward Whitfield, Ron Lewis, Mike Ward, Jim Bunning,
Harold Rogers and Scotty Baesler are encouraged to work
diligently to oppose additional legislation which will
excessively and unnecessarily regulate the tobacco industry.

SECTION II

1. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon
passage by the Madison County Fiscal Court.