

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Council on Postsecondary Education  
2 to develop and implement a statewide policy for providing academic credit for military  
3 training and service.

4 WHEREAS, the sons and daughters of our great Commonwealth have a proud  
5 tradition of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, during this service, many learn new skills which have practical  
7 applications and correlate with courses within colleges and universities; and

8 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that among Iraq and Afghanistan  
9 era veterans, the unemployment rate was 7.9 percent, versus the overall unemployment  
10 rate of 5.3 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, the Student Veterans of America state that 85 percent of student  
12 veterans are 24 years or older, 47 percent have families, and 27 percent are female  
13 veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2012 Department of Veterans Affairs "Profiles in Veterans"  
15 Special Report indicated that between 25 percent and 35 percent of our current active  
16 military and Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans were enrolled in college; and

17 WHEREAS, Kentucky has a long-standing history of supporting our military and  
18 veterans. The General Assembly has, year after year, supported and funded educational  
19 programs like the National Guard Tuition Assistance program; and

20 WHEREAS, the General Assembly urges the public postsecondary institutions  
21 across Kentucky to equally recognize the skills that members of the military and veterans  
22 received during their service, which would allow veterans to feel secure that those skills  
23 are equally valued throughout the Commonwealth;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

27 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives and the Senate urge the Council on

1 Postsecondary Education to facilitate, develop, implement, and maintain a statewide  
2 policy among all public postsecondary education institutions to provide appropriate  
3 academic credit for military service and training for members serving in the United States  
4 Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard, and veterans who were discharged or  
5 released therefrom with an honorable discharge, discharge under honorable conditions, or  
6 general discharge.

7       ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives and the Senate recognize the value of  
8 the active duty military and veterans of our great Commonwealth and support their efforts  
9 to further their education. The General Assembly urges the Council on Postsecondary  
10 Education to commit to and adopt the common-sense policy to afford academic credit for  
11 military training and service to these brave men and women of Kentucky.