

1           A RESOLUTION encouraging the federal government to create a system whereby  
2 imported drugs must be tested and approved by the United States Food and Drug  
3 Administration, thus ensuring the safe distribution of pharmaceuticals to American  
4 consumers.

5           WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of American healthcare consumers to have safe  
6 and effective medications; and

7           WHEREAS, the costs of pharmaceuticals are a critical component of quality  
8 healthcare; and

9           WHEREAS, proposals have been made to relax restrictions on the importation of  
10 drugs in an attempt to lower costs; and

11          WHEREAS, counterfeit pharmaceuticals are a quickly growing threat to world  
12 health; and

13          WHEREAS, the previous four commissioners of the United States Food and Drug  
14 Administration (FDA) have joined in a bipartisan manner to state that the FDA does not  
15 have the capability to ensure the safety and effectiveness of imported drugs; and

16          WHEREAS, the importation of unproven and potentially hazardous drugs can  
17 threaten the lives of American consumers;

18          NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
20 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

21           ➔Section 1. The members of this honorable body have a moral obligation to make  
22 certain that the citizens of the Commonwealth are protected against unproven and  
23 hazardous imported drugs.

24           ➔Section 2. The federal government is encouraged to create a system whereby  
25 imported drugs must be tested and approved by the United States Food and Drug  
26 Administration, thus ensuring the safe distribution of pharmaceuticals to American  
27 consumers.

1           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of  
2 this Resolution to each member of the Kentucky congressional delegation and to the  
3 United States Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver  
4 Spring, MD 20993.