

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a welcoming
2 state that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents and acknowledges that refugees,
3 immigrants, and all newcomers enhance the culture and the economy.

4 WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants come to Kentucky with the promise of
5 freedom, hope, and opportunity in a new country and become contributing members in
6 our communities; and

7 WHEREAS, community and faith-based organizations in Louisville, Lexington,
8 Bowling Green, and Owensboro continue to welcome refugees and immigrants arriving in
9 Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, these new Kentuckians are workers, students, business owners,
11 parents, neighbors, and community leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants,
13 adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, no individuals should be discriminated against because of their
15 national origin; and

16 WHEREAS, all persons, including those new to our state, should be afforded the
17 opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

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 House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
22 does hereby proclaim February 16, 2017, as Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol in
23 order to affirm the beauty and richness of our diversity, and in so doing the members of
24 the House of Representatives acknowledge that all are welcome, accepted, and
25 appreciated.

26 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
27 copy of this Resolution to Representative Rocky Adkins.