

1 A RESOLUTION urging Congress to reassess the federal definition of industrial
2 hemp, allowing the product to contain up to one percent (1%) delta-9
3 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry weight basis.

4 WHEREAS, industrial hemp, a plant of the genus *Cannabis sativa*, played a
5 significant role in the early history of the United States, dating back to the 1600s when
6 colonists began cultivating industrial hemp to meet high demand; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky was a major industrial hemp producer in the United States,
8 until cultivation and possession of all varieties of *Cannabis sativa*, including industrial
9 hemp, were outlawed in 1938 when the federal Marijuana Tax Act was enacted; and

10 WHEREAS, during World War II, the United States Department of Agriculture
11 distributed industrial hemp seed to Kentucky farmers who were called upon to assist with
12 war efforts by producing industrial hemp to make uniforms, rope, and canvas; and

13 WHEREAS, a variety of products can be made from industrial hemp through its use
14 of fiber, seed, seed oil, or floral extracts. Industrial hemp can be found in products such as
15 paper, fabric, auto parts, animal bedding, body care products, and essential oils; and

16 WHEREAS, cannabidiol, or CBD, is a chemical compound of *Cannabis sativa*,
17 having little to no psychoactive effects, and is being evaluated for its role as a food
18 additive or health supplement; and

19 WHEREAS, increasingly credible scientific research indicates that nutraceuticals,
20 including cannabidiol extracts, may have medical uses and benefits with relatively low
21 risk of negative side effects for medical ailments; and

22 WHEREAS, cannabidiol has been known to assist patients in controlling epileptic
23 seizures, reduce pain and inflammation, and manage a variety of other ailments; and

24 WHEREAS, the federal government defines industrial hemp as "the plant *Cannabis*
25 *sativa* L. and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9
26 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis";
27 and

1 WHEREAS, industrial hemp farmers and processors encourage Congress to
2 reassess the definition of industrial hemp as referenced in 7 U.S.C. sec. 5940 and increase
3 the farm production values to one percent (1%) tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in order to
4 allow industrial hemp farmers to increase yield potential per acre and profitability for all
5 industrial hemp grown in the Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, a change in the definition not only impacts the crop values for
7 Kentucky farmers producing industrial hemp for nutraceutical extract but also impacts all
8 other aspects of industry development; and

9 WHEREAS, increasing yield potential per acre equates to increased profit potential
10 for Kentucky's farm families and industrial hemp processors;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
13 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

14 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky House of Representatives urges Congress to consider
15 revising the current definition of industrial hemp found in 7 U.S.C sec. 5940, increasing
16 the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) threshold of dry weight flower concentration from three-
17 tenths of one percent (0.3%) to one percent (1%).

18 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
19 Resolution and notification of its adoption to each member of Kentucky's delegation to
20 the United States Congress.