

1 A RESOLUTION honoring all the young people who are fighting for their safety by
2 participating in walk-outs to protest gun violence.

3 WHEREAS, it is one of this Commonwealth's highest ideals that the safety of our
4 young people is of the utmost importance; and

5 WHEREAS, this is particularly true when these young people are away from their
6 parents and in school. In places of learning, the safety of our youth should be paramount;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, in Marshall County, Kentucky, this illusion of
9 safety was horrifically shattered when a student entered Marshall County High School
10 and opened fire, killing two and wounding eighteen. Less than one month later, on
11 Valentine's Day, a former student entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in
12 Parkland, Florida, armed with an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, killing 17; and

13 WHEREAS, shortly after the Parkland shooting, students from across the country
14 began to publicly speak out about gun violence and the threats guns pose to their safety;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, 3,000 protests have been staged nationwide. These
17 protests, spanning from Maine to Hawaii and including schools here in our own
18 Commonwealth, are coordinated walk-outs organized by students who have decided to
19 push politicians and lobbyists to listen to the students' fears about their own safety; and

20 WHEREAS, it is prudent that this body hear the voices of these students as they
21 protest on this day, and do what is in our power—both as legislators and as
22 compassionate human beings—to protect the young people of this Commonwealth;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
25 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor all the
27 young people who are fighting for their safety by participating in walk-outs to protest gun

1 violence, and stand with the students of Kentucky as they strive to have their voices heard
2 in the wake of these horrific massacres in the halls of America's schools.

3 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
4 honor of those young people who are expressing their First Amendment rights by
5 protesting gun violence.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to Representative Mary Lou Marzian.