

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing missing persons and the victims of unsolved murders
2 in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, the most recent Crime in Kentucky Report compiled by the Kentucky
4 State Police indicates that 44 percent of homicides and 47 percent of abductions have
5 been cleared through arrest or other means; and

6 WHEREAS, these statistics indicate that the fates of many of our fellow
7 Kentuckians are unknown, including the missing persons cases of Michael Keith Gorley,
8 Kara Rigdon, and Crystal Rogers, and the unsolved murders of Tommy Ballard, Officer
9 Jason Ellis, Kathy Netherland, Samantha Netherland, Lucinda Strange, and Diana
10 Mattingly Summers; and

11 WHEREAS, the victims of unsolved murders deserve to have justice brought
12 against their killers in the name of a Commonwealth which acutely feels their absences;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, missing persons deserve to know that their communities have not
15 forgotten their place among us in our Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, the families of missing persons and victims of unsolved murders suffer
17 with the ambiguity and uncertainty of their unresolved losses; and

18 WHEREAS, the families of missing persons and victims of unsolved murders
19 struggle to balance their personal efforts to find justice with the demands of their daily
20 lives; and

21 WHEREAS, the citizens of this Commonwealth are at our collective best when we
22 support those among us who have suffered trauma;

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 encourage any
27 and all citizens of the Commonwealth and beyond to assist in identifying the perpetrators

1 of murders in Kentucky, and to provide information on missing persons in Kentucky.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 honor of the families of missing and murdered persons.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative Chad McCoy for delivery.