

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol.

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky is a welcoming Commonwealth that celebrates the growing  
3 diversity of its residents and acknowledges that refugees, immigrants, and all newcomers  
4 are vital contributors to the success of our communities, local economies, and shared  
5 future; and

6 WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants come to Kentucky with the promise of  
7 freedom, hope, and opportunity in a new country and enhance our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, community and faith-based organizations throughout the  
9 Commonwealth continue to welcome refugees and immigrants arriving in Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, these new Kentuckians are workers, students, business owners,  
11 taxpayers, parents, neighbors, friends, 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 Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, this body believes all individuals—regardless of their immigration  
15 status, national origin, or faith—deserve to live with dignity, fair and equal treatment, and  
16 the means to support their families in safe and vibrant communities; and

17 WHEREAS, all persons should be afforded the opportunity to participate in the  
18 democratic process;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes February 20, 2019,  
23 as the sixth annual Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol of Kentucky in order to  
24 affirm the beauty and richness of our diversity, and a future in which all are welcomed,  
25 accepted, and appreciated.

26 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
27 honor and recognition of Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol.

- 1           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 2   copy of this Resolution to Representative Nima Kulkarni.