

1 A RESOLUTION urging the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, to
2 sign the Appalachian Sky Executive Order.

3 WHEREAS, during the 20th century, the coal industry provided direct and indirect
4 jobs to thousands upon thousands of Eastern Kentuckians, creating a robust local
5 economy; and

6 WHEREAS, during the mid-2000s, the coal industry began to decline due to many
7 factors, including but not limited to inexpensive natural gas, burdensome environmental
8 regulations, and weakening international demand, disproportionately affecting central
9 Appalachia, generally, and Eastern Kentucky, specifically; and

10 WHEREAS, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence,
11 Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Perry, Pike, and Rowan Counties have been selected as part of
12 a 19-county, multistate AEROready Certified region known as the Appalachian Sky
13 corridor with an ultimate goal to attract the aerospace and defense industries to the
14 region; and

15 WHEREAS, a proposed Appalachian Sky Executive Order is currently under
16 review with the United States Department of Commerce and the National Economic
17 Council, and would align varying interests in the region with the common goal of
18 attracting manufacturers so that one day every aircraft and spacecraft will have a part
19 designed, manufactured, or routinely maintained at a facility in the Appalachian Sky
20 corridor; and

21 WHEREAS, experts estimate that the Appalachian Sky initiative will create 15,000
22 aerospace-related jobs in the region and create over 18,000 indirect and induced jobs,
23 employing thousands of Kentuckians from those areas hardest hit by the decline in the
24 coal industry, and encouraging thousands to move to Kentucky and surrounding states,
25 revitalizing local economies;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky House of Representatives hereby respectfully
3 encourages the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, to sign the
4 Appalachian Sky Executive Order and bring much needed economic opportunity to
5 regions of Kentucky and neighboring states.

6 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
7 Resolution to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America;
8 to the Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of the United States Department of
9 Commerce; and to the Honorable Lawrence A. Kudlow, Director of the National
10 Economic Council.