

1 A RESOLUTION requesting assistance from state and federal officials to support
2 the review and approval of the proposed lease expansion of Lake Cumberland Marina to
3 provide access for public recreation and jobs in an underserved area of Lake Cumberland.

4 WHEREAS, in the 1940s, thousands of acres of land were condemned to construct
5 Lake Cumberland by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and many of
6 the region's citizens had their ways of life completely uprooted for the public good; and

7 WHEREAS, USACE's master plan designated 12 areas for commercial
8 concessionaire lease sites, with 75 percent of the rent paid by these leases to be returned
9 to the counties of the lease sites, to serve as in-lieu-of tax compensation for the lost tax
10 base on the thousands of acres of federally condemned property; and

11 WHEREAS, it is estimated that this in-lieu-of tax revenue has increased from
12 \$40,000 to \$178,000 annually for Russell County, and that estimated vessel values are
13 approximately \$50.8 million; and

14 WHEREAS, these commercial leases provide jobs, expand the tax base, drive
15 recreational opportunities for the general public, and bring tourism dollars to surrounding
16 communities; and

17 WHEREAS, USACE is attempting to renege on its promise and deny these
18 promised benefits to the citizens of the region, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the
19 general public by unduly delaying its review of the proposed lease expansion of Lake
20 Cumberland Marina; and

21 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Small Business Development Center and the
22 Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky at the University of
23 Kentucky estimate local payroll impact to be almost \$19.5 million; and

24 WHEREAS, all 12 sites from USACE's original master plan for Lake Cumberland
25 are operational today, except for the abandoned Alligator 1 site; the proposed expansion
26 project would reinvigorate and provide access to this abandoned and underserved area of
27 the lake; and

1 WHEREAS, the site in question is part of the lake's history and was a very popular
2 marina from the inception of Lake Cumberland until its abandonment in 2010, due
3 partially to low water during the rehabilitation; and

4 WHEREAS, a 2018 market study found that the expansion is needed to
5 accommodate the immediate demand of 400 boat slips, the future demand of 2,215 slips
6 due to the return of historic water levels, a booming economy, the significant road
7 improvements, and the floating cabin market; and

8 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2019, United States Senator Rand Paul introduced an
9 amendment to the Natural Resources Management Act, S. 47, saying "the federal
10 government has no business standing in the way of Kentuckians accessing their own
11 natural resources";

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby requests the assistance of
16 President Donald J. Trump, Governor Matt Bevin, Senate Majority Leader Mitch
17 McConnell, Senator Rand Paul, Congressman Harold Rogers, Congressman James
18 Comer, and all interested Kentucky state officials to assist with the immediate review and
19 approval of the proposed lease expansion of Lake Cumberland Marina to the former
20 Alligator 1 site by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

21 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
22 Resolution and notification of its adoption to President Donald J. Trump, Governor Matt
23 Bevin, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul, Congressman
24 Harold Rogers, and Congressman James Comer.