

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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
21 *Kentucky:*

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

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

- 1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Julian M. Carroll.