

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to pass the Supporting
2 Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2019.

3 WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the first point of contact between
4 persons who are in distress, or persons who are seeking assistance for other people in
5 distress, and public emergency services; and

6 WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators deal with many emergencies, from
7 suicidal persons, fires, breaking and entering, traffic accidents, human trafficking, and
8 armed assailants; and

9 WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators gather, receive, analyze, and relay
10 critical, life-saving information to medical, fire, or law enforcement personnel; and

11 WHEREAS, this information can lead to making more efficient use of first
12 responders' resources and to saving lives and property; and

13 WHEREAS, telephonically witnessing multiple traumatic events, heightened
14 emotions, physical violence, and property damage on a daily basis can extract a heavy toll
15 from these good citizens of the Commonwealth who provide help and comfort to so many
16 individuals in crisis; and

17 WHEREAS, in Kentucky, telecommunicator training has been in place since 1986,
18 and recognizing the critical roles these highly skilled persons play, the Commonwealth
19 has required the completion of training and certification in order to be employed as a
20 telecommunicator since 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,
22 maintains a statistical classification system called the Standard Occupational
23 Classification System which, at present, does not classify public safety communicators as
24 a protective service occupation; and

25 WHEREAS, the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2019, as
26 iterated as H.R. 1629 and S. 1015 in the 116th Congress, has been introduced on a
27 bipartisan basis in an attempt to require the Director of the Office of Management and

1 Budget to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation
2 under the Standard Occupational Classification System; and

3 WHEREAS, classifying public safety telecommunicators as a protective service
4 occupation would properly represent public safety telecommunicators in the capacities in
5 which they actually serve;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
8 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

9 ➔Section 1. Public safety telecommunicators function as the first-line response of
10 emergency services and, as such, it is fitting and proper that they be included as a
11 protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System of
12 the Bureau of Labor Statistics within the United States Department of Labor.

13 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives and the Senate of the Commonwealth
14 of Kentucky do hereby respectfully urge the 116th Congress of the United States to enact
15 S. 1015 and H.R. 1629, which are known as the Supporting Accurate Views of
16 Emergency Services Act of 2019, and which require the Director of the Office of
17 Management and Budget of the United States Department of Labor to categorize public
18 safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard
19 Occupational Classification System.

20 ➔Section 3. The clerks of the House and Senate are directed to transmit copies of
21 this Resolution to Senator Mitch McConnell, 317 Russell Senate Office Building,
22 Washington, DC 20510; Senator Rand Paul, 167 Russell Senate Office Building,
23 Washington, DC 20510; Representative Andy Barr, 2430 Rayburn House Office
24 Building., Washington, DC 20515; Representative James Comer, Jr., 1037 Longworth
25 House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Representative Brett Guthrie, 2434
26 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Representative Thomas
27 Massey, 2453 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Representative

- 1 Harold Rogers, 2406 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; and
- 2 Representative John A. Yarmuth, 402 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC
- 3 20515.