

1 A RESOLUTION pledging civility on and off the floor of the House of
2 Representatives during the 2020 legislative session.

3 WHEREAS, growing rhetoric and impassioned discourse in our nation, our
4 Commonwealth, our chamber, and our communities allows animosity to infiltrate even
5 the simplest of discussions; and

6 WHEREAS, in years past, arguments and heated discourse conveyed within the
7 House of Representatives continued with personal attacks that made their way to media
8 outlets and online social media posts vilifying individual members; and

9 WHEREAS, those personal attacks came from individuals of this august body; and

10 WHEREAS, the people of the Commonwealth deserve members of the House of
11 Representatives to be the best version of humanity;

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. (1) The members of the House of Representatives pledge to
16 engage in civil discourse on and off the floor of the House of Representatives during this
17 and future sessions of the General Assembly.

18 (2) By voting for and adopting this Resolution, the members of the House of
19 Representatives pledge that, though there may be discourse on the floor of the House of
20 Representatives, that discourse will be civil and show respect for fellow legislators.

21 (3) By voting for and adopting this Resolution, the members of the House of
22 Representatives:

23 (a) Express their commitment to civil discourse beyond the walls of the Capitol,
24 including in social media posts and comments to the press;

25 (b) Establish that there is no place for personal attacks on the floor of the House
26 of Representatives or in any other setting; and

27 (c) Demonstrate that civility is attainable for this body as a whole, and for the

1 people of our nation.