

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION condemning antisemitism and reaffirming that
2 certain acts of antisemitism are hate crimes under Kentucky law.

3 WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance defines
4 "antisemitism" as a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward
5 Jews, including rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism directed toward
6 Jewish or non-Jewish individuals or their property, Jewish community institutions, and
7 Jewish religious facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly honors and respects our fellow
9 Kentuckians of Jewish faith and condemns all acts of antisemitism; and

10 WHEREAS, 1,986 antisemitic incidents were reported in the year 2017 throughout
11 the United States, an increase of 57% from the previous year; and

12 WHEREAS, the heinous attacks on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh,
13 Pennsylvania, and the Chabad center in Poway, California, as well as the vile assaults on
14 the Kosher grocery in Jersey City, New Jersey, and the Chanukah celebration in Monsey,
15 New York, have made Jews across America feel a heightened vulnerability in society;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, bigotry, discrimination, oppression, and racism threaten civic unity
18 across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and have no place in political discourse,
19 regardless of political ideology or partisan membership; and

20 WHEREAS, it is critically important to safeguard the domestic tranquility and
21 security of Jewish communities and citizens, including Chabad houses, synagogues,
22 schools, cemeteries, and other cultural and religious institutions; and

23 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky's hate crime statute punishes
24 criminals who act with antisemitic intent for crimes including but not limited to assaults,
25 kidnapping, sexual offenses, criminal damage to property, arson, and rioting; and

26 WHEREAS, this honorable body rebukes any antisemitic actions;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly condemns antisemitism and
4 reaffirms the protections against antisemitism provided by KRS 532.031.