

1 A RESOLUTION condemning the March 16, 2021, mass shooting in Atlanta,
2 Georgia.

3 WHEREAS, this body stands in solidarity with all Asian-Americans living in this
4 Commonwealth, particularly those who have suffered from unfair treatment based on
5 their ethnicity; and

6 WHEREAS, in this spirit, the members rightfully condemn the mass shooting that
7 occurred on March 16, 2021, in Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, eight people were killed on that tragic day, including six Asian
9 women; and

10 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, unfair, hateful, and at times violent
11 rhetoric and treatment toward Asian-Americans have occurred across the United States at
12 alarming rates; and

13 WHEREAS, this rhetoric can be traced back to the beginning of the COVID-19
14 pandemic, and has been used by high-ranking politicians with little forethought or
15 prudence; and

16 WHEREAS, this rhetoric has led to a dramatic increase in Asian-Americans being
17 harassed and blamed for COVID-19; and

18 WHEREAS, this treatment is antithetical to the nature of what it means to be an
19 American, and to live in a just and equitable society; and

20 WHEREAS, this treatment, if left unchecked and allowed to fester, can lead to
21 horrific events such as the mass shooting in Atlanta; and

22 WHEREAS, it is in this spirit that the events on March 16, 2021, in Atlanta are duly
23 condemned by all in this body; and

24 WHEREAS, in so doing, this body recognizes that the growth of our
25 Commonwealth depends on every citizen being able to live freely without fear of being
26 ostracized, harassed, or punished because of their ethnicity;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, both individually and
4 collectively, hereby condemn the mass shooting on March 16, 2021, in Atlanta, Georgia.

5 ➔Section 2. The members stand in solidarity with the Asian-American
6 community in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and across this nation.

7 ➔Section 3. The members denounce any form of racism, xenophobia, or
8 discrimination toward Asian-Americans in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and across
9 this nation.

10 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
11 copy of this Resolution to Representative Nima Kulkarni.