

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the Commonwealth Policy Development Coalition.

2 WHEREAS, in Kentucky's universities and technical colleges, including the
3 University of Louisville with students across the Commonwealth, many students have
4 interest in policy work and a desire to bring positive change to the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, these young professional students often have a background with a
6 unique degree of experience with relevant legislative skills from prior experience, which
7 in some cases can lead students to attend schools outside the Commonwealth. This
8 background includes involvements such as internships with the Legislative Research
9 Commission, research involvements as seen at Posters at the Capitol, and participation in
10 the Kentucky Youth Assembly for up to seven years as hosted by the General Assembly,
11 which is the largest youth-in-government conference in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, students have also gained public relations and strong community
13 leadership skills from groups like FBLA, 4H, FFA, youth conservation boards, local
14 volunteering experiences, and advocacy work; and

15 WHEREAS, the University of Louisville is a Carnegie-ranked research institution
16 designated as a premier metropolitan establishment for research and innovation, where it
17 and other university institutions in the Commonwealth have had research focuses relevant
18 to the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. At the university, research often involves these
19 youth professional students who attend from the mountains and coal fields of eastern
20 Kentucky, to the hills of the Knobs, to the rolling land of central Kentucky, to the Jackson
21 Purchase along the Mississippi; and

22 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Policy Development Coalition was founded as a
23 nonprofit think tank at the University of Louisville sponsored by faculty and run by
24 students from the undergraduate and pre-professional level, with training in policy
25 development and legislative ethics; and

26 WHEREAS, these students conduct policy work as Fellows advised by expert
27 university researchers to translate local research into policy proposals to issues faced by

1 the Commonwealth, and are conducting such work in vetting partnership with Kentucky
2 industry, interests, and members of the General Assembly from both parties; and

3 WHEREAS, at the University of Louisville, the Commonwealth Policy
4 Development Coalition has modeled itself to be expandable to universities across the
5 Commonwealth;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes the Commonwealth Policy
10 Development Coalition.

11 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to Senator David P. Givens.