

1 A RESOLUTION honoring those who act for social justice.

2 WHEREAS, the tragic death of Breonna Taylor in 2020 has brought inequality and
3 injustice to the forefront of Kentuckians' collective conscience; and

4 WHEREAS, Breonna Taylor's death is only one in a long line of tragedies which
5 stretches back to before our nation's founding and which continues on today; and

6 WHEREAS, Kentuckians, as well as all Americans, have engaged with Breonna
7 Taylor's death as an catalyst to create goodness and light out of pain and darkness by
8 starting conversations and proposing policy changes to ensure the protection and safety of
9 all Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, these Kentuckians who are starting conversations and proposing policy
11 changes do so with the same spirit and motivations as the founders of this nation—"to
12 form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the
13 common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to
14 ourselves and our Posterity"; and

15 WHEREAS, under the Constitution, civic engagement and education are principles
16 to be lauded and developed in all citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, instances of injustice, especially those which threaten and take human
18 lives, deserve the strongest possible response from the public and the government; and

19 WHEREAS, the circumstances which led to the deaths of Breonna Taylor and so
20 many others will not change without action and reform; and

21 WHEREAS, this legislative body is best equipped to enact meaningful change when
22 the citizens of the Commonwealth use their First Amendment rights to advocate for the
23 changes they wish to see; and

24 WHEREAS, the events of 2020 have galvanized a new generation of Kentuckians
25 to be engaged and energetic participants in democracy; and

26 WHEREAS, this new generation of Kentuckians have laudably pursued the ideals
27 of social justice in the distribution of opportunities and privilege within the

1 Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, it is possible for the Commonwealth to achieve meaningful progress
3 towards a socially just society within the lifetime of its citizens today;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The Senate honors those who have taken action to further Kentucky's
8 progress towards a socially just society, this and every year.

9 ➔Section 2. The Senate applauds all Kentuckians who exercise their First
10 Amendment rights for civic, social, and political engagement.

11 ➔Section 3. The Senate encourages all Kentuckians to explore how they can
12 make their communities more equitable and just.

13 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal.