

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

2 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has killed more than 531,000 Americans and has caused an
3 untold amount of economic damage since its discovery in America in early 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, during this pandemic, all facets of American life and industry—from
5 restaurants to healthcare to the delivery and sustainability of education—have been
6 impacted in myriad ways; and

7 WHEREAS, this is true across this nation and it is also evident here in our
8 Commonwealth, as more than 5,000 Kentuckians have lost their lives and countless local
9 businesses have been damaged by this lethal disease and its economic repercussions; and

10 WHEREAS, since the dawn of this great Nation, tragedy, upheaval, and doubt have
11 been met with courage, vision, and enduring leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the American
13 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in an act of unparalleled leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, March 11, 2021, was a symbolic date that marked the first anniversary
15 of the World Health Organization's declaration that COVID-19 was a global pandemic;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is good public policy that will
18 have several long-reaching effects on society and this country's ongoing war against
19 COVID-19; and

20 WHEREAS, the Act is an essential piece of the American recovery effort because it
21 will vitally improve an economy still hindered with the challenges of COVID-19; and

22 WHEREAS, the Act will benefit the nation and Kentucky by giving 92 percent of
23 adults in the Commonwealth, or three million people, a direct stimulus payment; and

24 WHEREAS, Kentuckians will see an extra \$300 a week in unemployment benefits
25 extended across several months; and

26 WHEREAS, 86 percent of Kentucky's children, or roughly one point one million
27 children, will be positively impacted by the expanded child tax credit; and

1 WHEREAS, Kentucky state government will get \$2.4 billion to spend on COVID-
2 19-related expenses by the end of 2024; and

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky's K-12 schools will receive more than \$2.1 billion, with
4 \$454 million going to higher education, \$766 million to childcare-related assistance, and
5 an estimated \$17.8 million going to Head Start; and

6 WHEREAS, students across the Commonwealth will be able to return in-person to
7 schools that are safer and more versatile as we move into a post-COVID-19 world; and

8 WHEREAS, in Kentucky and across this nation, the American Rescue Plan Act of
9 2021 will be most felt by low-income and middle-class families; and

10 WHEREAS, on this day, this body rightfully commemorates the signing of the
11 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members thank all those in our nation's Capital who
13 have stayed resolute during this crisis and who have kept the plight of less-privileged
14 Americans in mind as they passed this historic legislation;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
17 *Kentucky:*

18 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
19 hereby honor the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

20 ➔Section 2. The Senate grants all our leaders on the national, state, and local
21 levels best of luck as they begin to enact the many provisions of the American Rescue
22 Plan Act of 2021.

23 ➔Section 3. The Senate recognizes the economic devastation caused by COVID-
24 19 and pays special commendation to Kentucky's business owners who will be positively
25 impacted by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

26 ➔Section 4. The Senate acknowledges the economic importance of the American
27 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and its vital place in overcoming the challenges presented by

- 1 COVID-19.
- 2 ➔Section 5. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 3 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal.