

1 A RESOLUTION commending the Kentucky Recyclers Association and the
2 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their members.

3 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep
4 Kentucky's manufacturing industry operational; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky's manufacturing industry is a leader in the production of
6 steel, paper and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass,
7 and continues to produce these materials and products essential to the citizens of
8 Kentucky, the United States, and the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentucky's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of
10 raw materials in order to produce these materials and products; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky's manufacturers would not have access to their needed raw
12 materials without the collection, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and
13 recovered materials into raw materials by Kentucky's recycling industry; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of this need for recyclable and recovered materials,
15 guidance from the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has identified
16 workers who process or reprocess solid waste as essential workers from the onset of the
17 pandemic; and

18 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recyclers have followed all appropriate and required
19 protocols, resulting in safe operations that protect their employees and customers; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable
21 recyclable materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics,
22 rubber, and textiles, have been kept out of Kentucky's landfills and have been
23 manufactured into valuable raw materials; and

24 WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in Kentucky and
25 throughout the world to manufacture products from toilet paper to respirators to new
26 automobiles; and

27 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse,

1 allowing Kentucky's citizens to safely and economically repair their automobiles and
2 maintain reliable transportation throughout the pandemic; and

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has collected, repaired, and redeployed
4 tens of thousands of mobile technology devices, becoming an alternative supplier to
5 education and corporate entities, facilitating students' remote learning and supporting our
6 great citizens working from home, when international supply chains were disrupted
7 during the pandemic causing shortages of these devices; and

8 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has collected, sorted, and reclaimed
9 plastic products and packaging, which could be used as feedstock to manufacture
10 products that enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and
11 garbage bags; and

12 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle
13 scrap tires, protecting public health and the environment, and producing valuable rubber
14 products such as those used in vital infrastructure projects; and

15 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has collected, sorted, processed, and
16 delivered recovered fiber to paper, containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in
17 manufacturing essential products, including tissue products, pulp used in diapers and
18 other personal hygiene products, papers for communication and education, building and
19 construction products, and packaging for food, beverages, food service, cleaning supplies,
20 pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and other essential consumer products;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
23 ***Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The Senate recognizes that the members of the Kentucky Recyclers
25 Association and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries are essential businesses, and
26 their employees are essential workers, necessary for the production and manufacture of
27 goods and products in Kentucky and throughout the world.

1 ➔Section 2. The Senate commends the Kentucky Recyclers Association and the
2 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their members for their roles in maintaining
3 the economic viability of the supply chain for Kentucky's manufacturers and their
4 employees.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate shall forward copies of this Resolution and
6 notification of its adoption to the president of the Kentucky Recyclers Association and the
7 president of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries for distribution to their members.