

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Kentucky History Caucus
2 within the Kentucky General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, on June 1, 1792, seeking to break free from Virginia and to become
4 her own state, Kentucky became the fifteenth state admitted to the United States and the
5 first state west of the Appalachian Mountains; and

6 WHEREAS, in its over 200 years of statehood, Kentucky has had four constitutions,
7 the first being adopted in 1792 when it was admitted into the Union, the second in 1799,
8 the third in 1850, and the fourth, currently in force, in 1891; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentucky has had four permanent buildings that served as the State
10 Capitol, the most recent and current building built in 1909; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky is a state with a unique culture and history that is framed by
12 the notable persons and events below:

13 Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States and president
14 during the Civil War, often ranked one of the best presidents in history in his success in
15 preserving the union of the United States, who was born in Hodgenville, Kentucky;

16 The Kentucky Derby, first ran in 1875, which attracts people from all over the
17 United States and the world;

18 Mildred and Patty Hill, of Louisville, in 1893 wrote the melody to the song
19 "Good Morning to All," which would later become "Happy Birthday," one of the most
20 popular songs in the English language;

21 Martha Layne Collins, the first woman elected Governor in 1983, who was
22 instrumental in procuring the Toyota Assembly Plant in Georgetown, Kentucky;

23 Muhammad Ali, then Cassius Clay, who won a gold medal in the light
24 heavyweight division of boxing at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome;

25 The United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, which contains the largest
26 gold reserve in the world; and

27 The World Equestrian Games, held in 2010, the first time the event was held

1 outside of Europe; and

2 WHEREAS, a legislative caucus dedicated to studying and understanding our state's
3 history will allow the General Assembly to take a leading role in preserving and
4 advocating for the urgent need to ensure that our citizenry understands and appreciates
5 the history and culture of the Commonwealth;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
8 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

9 ➔Section 1. There is hereby established a nonpartisan, bicameral caucus within
10 the Kentucky General Assembly to be called the Kentucky History Caucus.

11 ➔Section 2. The Kentucky History Caucus shall work to promote and develop
12 initiatives in the Kentucky General Assembly that further the study and understanding of
13 the history of the Commonwealth and its people. The caucus shall work closely with the
14 Kentucky Historical Society and other relevant state agencies and nonprofit organizations
15 to achieve these goals.

16 ➔Section 3. It is respectfully requested that the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives and the President of the Senate support the creation of the Kentucky
18 History Caucus by encouraging members of each chamber to participate in the caucus.