

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States federal government to
2 take steps to ensure international intercollegiate athletes may take advantage of state
3 name, image, and likeness laws.

4 WHEREAS, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has adopted new bylaws
5 to allow intercollegiate athletes to participate in name, image, and likeness activities, and

6 WHEREAS, states across the country have begun adopting laws to authorize and
7 govern name, image, and likeness activities by intercollegiate athletes; and

8 WHEREAS, many international students come to the Commonwealth to gain an
9 education and bring their athletic talents to participate in intercollegiate athletics; and

10 WHEREAS, federal immigration guidelines are uncertain as to whether name,
11 image, and likeness activities are protected under the F-1 student visa; and

12 WHEREAS, international students participating in intercollegiate athletics in the
13 Commonwealth deserve the same opportunities as their classmates and teammates;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

17 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly hereby urges the Department of Homeland
18 Security and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to adopt a policy
19 memorandum to clarify that name, image, and likeness activities authorized under state
20 law are allowable under the F-1 student visa.

21 ➔Section 2. If the Department of Homeland Security and the United States
22 Citizenship and Immigration Services fail to provide clarification, the General Assembly
23 urges the United States Congress to create a new subcategory of the F-1 student visa
24 designed for international intercollegiate athletes to guarantee these athletes the
25 opportunities available under state law.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to send
27 a copy of this Resolution to the United States Secretary of Homeland Security, the

- 1 Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and to each member
- 2 of the Kentucky delegation to the United States Congress.