

1           A RESOLUTION expressing the condemnation of any unjust practices and  
2 violations of human rights against the people of Cuba, and their families, domestic and  
3 abroad.

4           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky houses a large Cuban American  
5 Community with over 20,000 currently calling Kentucky home; and

6           WHEREAS, the ruling party in Cuba has deprived many residents of the freedom to  
7 live a life absent of domestic strife and threat of retaliation for vocal disagreement,  
8 creating a system for prolonged relocation out of Cuba to the United States; and

9           WHEREAS, Kentucky has provided a safe and democratic environment that  
10 empowers the Cuban community through freedoms of expression, education, and  
11 economic opportunity; and

12           WHEREAS, On July 11, 2021, protestors in Cuba, and in Kentucky, publicly spoke  
13 out in protest of the intolerable conditions imposed on the people of Cuba and the unjust  
14 detainment of over 150 political prisoners; and

15           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Senate stands for equality for all, and against any and all  
16 restrictions on free speech and related freedoms;

17           NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
19 ***Kentucky:***

20           ➔Section 1.    The Senate hereby expresses the condemnation of any unjust  
21 practices and violations of human rights against the people of Cuba, and their families,  
22 domestic and abroad.

23           ➔Section 2.    The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
24 Resolution to the Kentucky Congressional Delegation and to the Office of the Governor.