

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the Commonwealth of Kentucky to assist the United
2 States Department of Defense by tasking the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs,
3 the Transportation Cabinet, and the Department of the Kentucky State Police to
4 coordinate with the Department of Defense and the United States Army Fifth Corps at
5 Fort Knox to develop a potential solution for obtaining Kentucky motor vehicle operator
6 licenses for unlicensed members of the Armed Forces stationed outside the United States.

7 WHEREAS, the United States Army Fifth Corps, headquartered at Fort Knox,
8 oversees approximately 8,500 Army members permanently assigned to Department of
9 Defense installations in European locations; and

10 WHEREAS, a percentage of military members whose first permanent station is
11 outside the United States report to their duty assignment without a motor vehicle
12 operator's license issued by their state of record, and, due to geographic separation, are
13 unable to access the licensing resources offered by their state of record; and

14 WHEREAS, these military members are ineligible to obtain motor vehicle operator
15 privileges in their nation of assignment, creating a significant operational challenge for
16 military organizations based outside the United States by rendering these personnel
17 unable to fully support Department of Defense mission requirements; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Army Seventh Training Command conducts a highly
19 effective military driver training program outside the United States, which includes
20 obtaining motor vehicle operator proficiency in multiple types of vehicles, counter-
21 terrorism procedures, and rules and regulations of the host nation; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Army Fifth Corps has requested assistance from the
23 Commonwealth of Kentucky to create a motor vehicle operator licensing program for
24 affected members, with United States Army operational and financial support, to
25 facilitate a solution to this significant operational challenge; and

26 WHEREAS, this Commonwealth is proud of the countless Kentuckians,
27 Americans, men, women, sons, daughters, mothers, and fathers who continue to serve in

1 the United States Armed Forces, and wishes to create incentives for military members to
2 select Kentucky as their home of record and their home for life, supporting our
3 communities in an enduring fashion; and

4 WHEREAS, the potential exists for these military members based outside the
5 United States to voluntarily choose Kentucky as their home of record as a requirement for
6 licensing eligibility; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in Kentucky's interest for the Kentucky Commission on Military
8 Affairs and the Transportation Cabinet to work with the Department of the Kentucky
9 State Police to assist military members in meeting the requirements to obtain a Kentucky
10 motor vehicle operator's license, thereby allowing them to meet their transportation-
11 related Department of Defense mission obligations;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
14 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives strongly supports and encourages a
16 collaboration between the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, the Transportation
17 Cabinet, and the Department of the Kentucky State Police to research and develop a
18 framework arrangement with the United States Department of Defense for the issuance of
19 standard motor vehicle operator's licenses to members of the Armed Forces stationed
20 outside the United States, using the address of the Kentucky military installation
21 headquarters as the individual's home address.

22 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives recognizes this is a time-sensitive
23 issue and encourages all interested parties to find an amicable solution for consideration
24 by the General Assembly in the 2024 Regular Session.