

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of
2 2005.

3 WHEREAS, the people of the Commonwealth recognize the Constitution of the
4 United States as our charter of liberty and that the Bill of Rights enshrines the
5 fundamental and inalienable rights of Americans, including the right to privacy; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the duty, and the privilege, of the elected representatives of the
7 people of the Commonwealth to ensure that their interest in privacy is zealously
8 safeguarded; and

9 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has continually shown its hesitancy to participate
10 in or comply with implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, as one of the last
11 states to start issuing REAL ID cards; and

12 WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 mandates an unfunded national
13 identification card on the people of the Commonwealth and was passed without a public
14 hearing, careful deliberation by the federal government, or any regard for the sanctity of
15 states' rights; and

16 WHEREAS, residents of the Commonwealth have spent \$7,090,232 on
17 identification cards that are compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

18 WHEREAS, fewer than 18.2 percent of citizens of the Commonwealth have chosen
19 a state identification card that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 national database invites the theft of
21 identity and invasion of privacy of all those who hold conforming identification cards;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 national database would facilitate the
24 tracking of data on individuals by federal and state governments; and

25 WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 is an affront to the concept of federalism
26 enshrined in the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

27 WHEREAS, implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005 has proved so unwieldy

1 and difficult that the federal government has been obligated, multiple times, to delay its
2 full implementation of the law until May 7, 2025, nearly 20 years after its passage;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly respectfully urges and requests that
7 the Congress of the United States repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send copies of this Concurrent
9 Resolution to the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Clerk of
10 the Senate of the United States, and each member of the Kentucky Congressional
11 delegation.