

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress and the United States Army
2 Corps of Engineers to assist with the prevention and mitigation of flood damage in
3 Kentucky.

4 WHEREAS, beginning on February 14, 2025, the Commonwealth of Kentucky was
5 inundated with thunderstorms which, at times, caused rainfall rates in excess of three to
6 eight inches in some areas across the Commonwealth, causing widespread destruction
7 and devastation; and

8 WHEREAS, the surging floodwaters, landslides, and mudslides destroyed homes
9 and businesses and caused significant damage to schools, roads, bridges, and water
10 systems, with thousands of families adversely affected; and

11 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Emergency Management Operation Center has already
12 received more than 400 requests pertaining to storm recovery efforts; and

13 WHEREAS, to date, 22 people have lost their lives as a result of this disaster; and

14 WHEREAS, in the last five years, there have been multiple natural disasters that
15 have caused widespread destruction across the Commonwealth, including at least three
16 incidents of major flooding; and

17 WHEREAS, these natural disasters have cost the citizens of the Commonwealth
18 hundreds of millions of dollars, their homes, their livelihoods, and even their lives; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of the Mountain Caucus have identified a dire need for
20 dredging in the creeks and rivers of eastern Kentucky to prevent such widespread loss
21 and destruction; and

22 WHEREAS, dredged material removed from creeks and rivers has many beneficial
23 uses for landowners, including trail and gravel road applications; and

24 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly recognize the importance of
25 emergency preparedness and the need to prevent and mitigate as much of the damage
26 from weather-related disasters as possible;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of
4 Engineers to assist with and allow for the dredging of rivers and creeks in Kentucky,
5 beginning with those in eastern Kentucky most affected by the recent flood waters, for
6 the prevention and mitigation of future potential flood damage in the Commonwealth.

7 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly urges the United States Congress to introduce
8 and adopt legislation to assist Kentucky with flood prevention and mitigation, as well as
9 flood damage relief efforts, including but not limited to funding for the current disaster
10 recovery efforts in Kentucky and removing regulations and restrictions on dredging so
11 that the citizens of the Commonwealth may have the full right to clean up and dredge the
12 waters of Kentucky and landowners may put the dredged material to beneficial use on
13 their properties.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to the Commander of the Louisville District of the United States
16 Army Corps of Engineers, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
17 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky
18 congressional delegation.