

1       A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to reinstate  
2       the able-bodied adults without dependents time limits exemption for veterans under the  
3       Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

4       WHEREAS, veterans of the United States Armed Forces have risked their lives in  
5       defense of the nation and are owed a debt of gratitude for their service; and

6       WHEREAS, ensuring food security for veterans is one small but essential way the  
7       nation can honor its commitment to those who served; and

8       WHEREAS, many veterans face higher rates of unemployment, underemployment,  
9       and economic hardship compared to the general population; and

10      WHEREAS, veterans are disproportionately affected by physical and mental health  
11      challenges, including service-connected disabilities and post-traumatic stress disorder,  
12      which may limit consistent workforce participation; and

13      WHEREAS, veterans experiencing homelessness often rely on Supplemental  
14      Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as a lifeline for daily sustenance; and

15      WHEREAS, the removal of the veteran exemption from the Supplemental Nutrition  
16      Assistance Program's able-bodied adults without dependents time limits risks cutting off  
17      nutrition assistance to veterans who are actively seeking stability in their lives; and

18      WHEREAS, restricting food access for veterans undermines both their health  
19      outcomes and their ability to reintegrate into civilian employment; and

20      WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is home to over 260,000 veterans,  
21      many of whom may be negatively affected by the removal of the exemption; and

22      WHEREAS, reinstating the veteran exemption would directly benefit Kentucky's  
23      veteran population and uphold the values of respect and gratitude that Kentuckians hold  
24      dear; and

25      WHEREAS, Congress has historically recognized the unique status of veterans in  
26      social safety net programs by often providing them specific exemptions or supports; and

27      WHEREAS, support for veterans transcends political divisions, making

1 reinstatement of this exemption a bipartisan and unifying issue;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly respectfully urges the United States  
6 Congress to reinstate the exemption for veterans from the able-bodied adults without  
7 dependents time limits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

8 ➔Section 2. The Kentucky General Assembly urges the United States Department  
9 of Agriculture to work with Congress to implement the reinstatement of the exemption as  
10 swiftly as possible.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
12 copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
13 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, each member of the Kentucky congressional  
14 delegation, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.