

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Rudy William Grant, Consul General
2 of Barbados, and welcoming him to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Rudy William Grant serves as the Consul General of Barbados in
4 Miami, representing his nation across the southeastern United States and working to
5 strengthen ties between Barbados and communities throughout the region; and

6 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant will visit Kentucky during the week of March 9,
7 2026, at the invitation of the United Nations Association of the USA Kentucky Division,
8 with strong collaboration and support from the University of Kentucky's Patterson
9 School of Diplomacy and International Commerce and other institutional partners; and

10 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant's visit offers an exceptional opportunity to
11 deepen international understanding and strengthen people-to-people connections between
12 Barbados and the Commonwealth of Kentucky through education, diplomacy, and public
13 engagement; and

14 WHEREAS, while in Kentucky, Consul General Grant will spend time at
15 institutions of higher education, including a full day at the Patterson School, where he
16 will meet with faculty and generously offer time to students interested in global affairs,
17 diplomacy, and international relations; and

18 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant will also visit SOS International, a Louisville-
19 based nonprofit that recovers surplus medical supplies and equipment from United States
20 hospitals and redistributes them to communities in need around the world. Consul
21 General Grant has visited SOS previously and continues to show strong interest in
22 humanitarian partnerships and global health efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, in Frankfort, Consul General Grant will meet with state economic
24 development officials to explore areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration
25 between Barbados and Kentucky; and

26 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant will also spend time on the Kentucky Capitol
27 campus, where he will engage with state government and experience Kentucky's civic

1 landscape as part of his broader diplomatic visit; and

2 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant will be the featured guest at a Young
3 Professionals Luncheon, giving emerging Kentucky leaders the opportunity to engage
4 with an experienced diplomat and learn from his international perspective; and

5 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant will also participate in a public event open to
6 the community, giving Kentuckians the opportunity to connect directly with a high-level
7 representative of Barbados and engage in meaningful cultural exchange; and

8 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant brings a distinguished background in public
9 service, diplomacy, and tourism. He has served as a senator and Parliamentary Secretary
10 in the Ministry of Tourism and International Transport, and has held leadership roles such
11 as CEO of the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association and first CEO of the Grenada
12 Tourism Authority; and

13 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant holds degrees in Economics (Mount Allison
14 University, Canada), Management and Administration (Bradford University, UK), and
15 Law (University of London, UK), and has served on the boards of numerous national
16 tourism and infrastructure agencies in Barbados; and

17 WHEREAS, Consul General Grant's visit reflects the strong and friendly
18 relationship between Barbados and the United States. Barbados and Kentucky also share
19 distinctive cultural and economic traits, including an international reputation for world-
20 class spirits, Barbadian rum and Kentucky bourbon, as well as a shared passion for horses
21 and equine traditions; and

22 WHEREAS, known for his warmth, generosity, and dedication to youth
23 engagement, Consul General Grant is deeply committed to creating meaningful
24 relationships across communities and fostering global citizenship at every level;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
27 ***Kentucky:***

- 1 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and honors Rudy William Grant,
- 2 Consul General of Barbados, and welcomes him to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and
- 4 recognition of Consul General Rudy William Grant.
- 5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 6 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal for presentation.