

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky state Long-Term Care Ombudsman
2 Program.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky state Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program serves as a
4 vital advocate for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, personal care
5 homes, and family care homes throughout the Commonwealth, working tirelessly to
6 improve the quality of care and quality of life for long-term care residents in Kentucky;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the program, coordinated through the Office of the State Long-Term
9 Care Ombudsman, oversees the critical work of 15 district ombudsman programs, 40 full-
10 time staff, and 191 program volunteers; and

11 WHEREAS, the program serves over 40,000 Kentucky residents who reside in over
12 600 long-term care facilities throughout Kentucky to ensure a consistent and
13 compassionate response to the needs of long-term care residents across Kentucky; and

14 WHEREAS, the Kentucky state Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, supported
15 by federal, state, and local funding, provides essential services without charge to
16 residents, reflecting commitment to serving vulnerable individuals and communities with
17 integrity and fairness; and

18 WHEREAS, the responsibilities of long-term care ombudsmen are extensive and
19 impactful; and

20 WHEREAS, long-term care ombudsmen identify, investigate, and resolve
21 complaints made by or on behalf of residents; and

22 WHEREAS, long-term care ombudsmen advocate for systemic changes to improve
23 residents' quality of care and quality of life; and

24 WHEREAS, the dedication and advocacy of the Kentucky state Long-Term Care
25 Ombudsman Program ensures that the voices of long-term care residents are heard, their
26 rights are protected, and their concerns are addressed, fostering dignity, respect, and
27 quality of care for all; and

1 WHEREAS, the Kentucky state Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program serves as a
2 shining example of compassion, advocacy, and public service, inspiring residents,
3 families, caregivers, and the broader community to uphold the highest standards of care
4 and respect for those in long-term care settings;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
7 *Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize and commend the
9 Kentucky state Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for its exemplary advocacy,
10 unwavering dedication, and profound impact on the lives of long-term care residents and
11 their families.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe for delivery.