

1 A RESOLUTION urging school districts to commemorate Constitution Day on or
2 around September 17 as an annual event.

3 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1787, 55 delegates from throughout the fledgling
4 United States, intent on erecting a government that would stand the test of time and
5 protect the hard-won freedoms secured during the Revolutionary War, gathered at the
6 Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, the document they produced – our Constitution – remains the bedrock
8 of our system of government, one rooted in equality under the law and an unyielding
9 commitment to individual liberty; and

10 WHEREAS, with profound wisdom, the framers of our Constitution divided
11 political power among three separate and coequal branches, and further between the
12 Federal and State governments, ensuring that a government of the people, by the people,
13 and for the people would remain accountable to its citizens, from whom all legitimate
14 political power is derived; and

15 WHEREAS, our Constitution outlines a government that encourages individuals to
16 flourish while still empowering the states to perform necessary functions like protecting
17 law and order and providing essential public goods; and

18 WHEREAS, this revolutionary concept has made and continues to make our Nation
19 the most free and just society in the world; and

20 WHEREAS, the events surrounding the crafting and signing of Constitution of the
21 United States of America by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention not only have
22 significance for every American, but are also honored in public schools across the nation
23 on September 17 of each year, which is known as Constitution Day; and

24 WHEREAS, we recognize that each generation needs to renew the spirit of America
25 by upholding our constitutional system, honoring its framers and those who have
26 sacrificed to defend it, and embracing the duty we as citizens have to preserve the society
27 it has built; and

1 WHEREAS, school districts are urged to implement lessons and activities which
2 study the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence with an
3 emphasis on the preamble and the Bill of Rights so that all may offer the reverence that is
4 due to our free republic;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes the importance of
9 commemorating Constitution Day and urges school districts throughout the
10 Commonwealth of Kentucky to annually teach the meaning and importance of our
11 Nation's founding documents.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Department of Education.