

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2018, as Refugee and Immigrant Day at the
2 Capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky is a welcoming state that celebrates the growing diversity of
4 its residents and acknowledges that refugees, immigrants, and all newcomers are vital
5 contributors to the success of our communities, local economies, and shared future; and

6 WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants come to Kentucky with the promise of
7 freedom, hope, and opportunity in a new country and enhance our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, community and faith-based organizations throughout the
9 Commonwealth continue to welcome refugees and immigrants arriving in Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants,
11 adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, we believe all individuals—regardless of their national origin or
13 faith—deserve to live with dignity, fair and equal treatment, and the means to support
14 their families in safe and vibrant communities; and

15 WHEREAS, all persons, including those new to our Commonwealth, should be
16 afforded the opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
19 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby proclaims March 7, 2018, as
21 the fifth annual Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol in Kentucky in order to affirm
22 the beauty and richness of our diversity, and one in which all are welcomed, accepted,
23 and appreciated.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
25 copy of this Resolution to Representative Joni L. Jenkins.