

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Valentine's Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, Valentine's Day is celebrated each year on the 14th day of February;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Valentine's Day is named after St. Valentine of Rome, who was
5 imprisoned for performing songs for soldiers forbidden to marry; and

6 WHEREAS, although the roots of Valentine's Day as a holiday date back to the
7 Feast of St. Valentine in 496 A.D., modern interpretations of Valentine's Day stem from
8 the 18th century, when couples in England expressed their love for one another with
9 flowers and greeting cards known as "valentines"; and

10 WHEREAS, the essential concepts of love, togetherness, and fidelity are perfectly
11 captured in the St. Valentine's Day traditions; and

12 WHEREAS, for centuries Valentine's Day has featured in popular culture, from
13 references by the renowned poets Geoffrey Chaucer and William Shakespeare, who
14 mentioned Valentine's Day in Act 4, Scene 5 of *Hamlet*; and

15 WHEREAS, this august body honors the couples—both those which are newly
16 formed and those well-established—of this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, this body further urges all Kentuckians in romantic relationships to
18 duly celebrate Valentine's Day 2020; and

19 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members urge all Kentuckians to reaffirm themselves
20 with Valentine's Day traditions, and rightfully honor the couples of this Commonwealth
21 who celebrate their love on this special day;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
24 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representative honor Valentine's Day,
26 and duly wish all couples of this Commonwealth the utmost happiness as they celebrate
27 their love on February 14, 2020.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 2 copy of this Resolution to Representative Tom Burch.