

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing that the metals recycling industry is an important and
2 unique contributor to the Commonwealth's economy and environment and that it is set
3 apart in statutes, administrative regulations, and other state policies.

4 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Commonwealth to promote and encourage
5 recycling; and

6 WHEREAS, with a continuing societal focus on protecting our natural resources
7 and conserving energy, the metal recycling industry is recognized as a vital source for the
8 reuse of metals in the manufacturing sector; and

9 WHEREAS, in the United States, the metals recycling industry annually transforms
10 more than 130 million metric tons of obsolete materials from consumers, businesses, and
11 manufacturers into useful raw materials; and

12 WHEREAS, metal recycling facilities are engaged in the purchase of recovered
13 materials in the marketplace from individuals and other entities and supplying our
14 manufacturing and construction industries with value-based materials; and

15 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth recognizes the economic contribution of the
16 recycling industry, which provides over 2,800 direct and over 5,000 additional indirect
17 jobs in Kentucky, and contributes over \$54 million directly and indirectly in state and
18 local taxes; and

19 WHEREAS, recycling is an integral part of sustainably conserving valuable
20 materials today for future generations, and serves to reduce materials in the waste stream,
21 and to recover valuable materials for further productive use;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate recognizes the metals recycling industry as
26 distinct in law and purpose, and well-recognized by Kentucky's statutes, administrative
27 regulations, and policies.