

1 A RESOLUTION commending the Kentucky Recyclers Association, the Kentucky
2 Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their members.

3 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep
4 Kentucky's manufacturing industry operational; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky's manufacturing industry is a leader in the production of
6 steel, paper and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass,
7 and continues to produce these materials and products essential to the citizens of
8 Kentucky, the United States, and the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentucky's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of
10 raw materials in order to produce these materials and products; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky's manufacturers would not have access to their needed raw
12 materials without the collection, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and
13 recovered materials into raw materials by Kentucky's recycling industry; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, Kentucky's recyclers have been deemed
15 essential businesses and workers from the onset of the pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recyclers have followed all appropriate and required
17 protocols and as a result have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable
20 recyclable materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics,
21 rubber, and textiles, have been kept out of Kentucky's landfills and have been
22 manufactured into valuable raw materials; and

23 WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in Kentucky and
24 throughout the world to manufacture products from toilet paper to respirators to new
25 automobiles; and

26 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse,
27 allowing Kentucky's citizens to safely and economically repair their automobiles and

1 maintain reliable transportation throughout the pandemic; and

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has collected, repaired, and redeployed
3 tens of thousands of mobile technology devices, becoming an alternative supplier to
4 education and corporate entities, facilitating students' remote learning, and supporting our
5 great citizens working from home when international supply chains were disrupted during
6 the pandemic causing shortages of these devices; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has collected, sorted, and reclaimed
8 plastic products and packaging which could be used as feedstock to manufacture products
9 that enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and garbage bags;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle
12 scrap tires, protecting public health and the environment, and producing valuable rubber
13 products such as those used in vital infrastructure projects; and

14 WHEREAS, Kentucky's recycling industry has collected, sorted, processed, and
15 delivered recovered fiber to paper, containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in
16 manufacturing essential products, including tissue products, pulp used in diapers and
17 other personal hygiene products, papers for communication and education,
18 building/construction products, and packaging for food, beverages, foodservice, cleaning
19 supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and other essential consumer products;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby commends the Kentucky
24 Recyclers Association, the Kentucky Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap
25 Recycling Industries, and their members, for their role in maintaining the economic
26 viability of the supply chain for Kentucky's manufacturers and their employees.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a

- 1 copy of this Resolution and notification of its adoption to the Kentucky Recyclers
- 2 Association, the Kentucky Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling
- 3 Industries for distribution to their members.