

1 A RESOLUTION acknowledging the true meaning of the rainbow as a Biblical
2 principle.

3 WHEREAS, the symbolic meaning of the rainbow stems from Genesis Chapter 9,
4 where God says, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the
5 covenant between me and the earth"; and

6 WHEREAS, the modern interpretation of the rainbow has radically changed from
7 its original intention; and

8 WHEREAS, sometimes these interpretations are benign or are intended only to
9 promote unity among people or groups; and

10 WHEREAS, too often, the interpretation of the rainbow's significance—such as in
11 instances where a person might be simply wearing clothing adorned with a rainbow and is
12 discriminated against because of it—is malignant, mean-spirited, and even cruel; and

13 WHEREAS, in these cases, the fundamental concept of God's covenant has been
14 misappropriated to promote un-Christlike agendas that serve only to broaden the distance
15 between people and to discriminate against those who seek happiness, equality, and
16 peace; and

17 WHEREAS, this august body urges all Kentuckians to reaffirm the true meaning of
18 the rainbow; to acknowledge and accept those who might use the rainbow to promote
19 fairness and kindness; and to disavow those who misuse the symbol of the rainbow as a
20 way to demean or discriminate against others;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives acknowledge the true
25 meaning of the rainbow as set forth by God in Genesis Chapter 9, and urge all
26 Kentuckians to think of those essential verses before making a statement or ruling that
27 might negatively affect their fellow citizens.

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