

1 A RESOLUTION expressing support for South Korea and the Winter Olympic
2 Games, and supporting the trade agreement between the United States and South Korea.

3 WHEREAS, from February 9 to February 25, 2018, the XXIII Winter Olympic
4 Games will be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea; and

5 WHEREAS, Pyeongchang was selected as the host of the 2018 Winter Olympic
6 Games after receiving a majority of the vote at the 123rd International Olympic
7 Committee Session in July 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, the Winter Olympic Games will be held in South Korea for the first
9 time in 30 years, after the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988; and

10 WHEREAS, the world's best athletes will compete in Pyeongchang, and during the
11 games the culture, customs, and history of South Korea will proudly be on display; and

12 WHEREAS, the motto of the 2018 Olympic Games is "Passion. Connected.," which
13 refers to a world in which every nation is linked together in the pursuit of the common
14 goal of partnership, national pride, and athletic excellence; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2018 United States Olympic Team is expected to include
16 approximately 240 athletes in all 15 sports; and

17 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has connections to the Winter
18 Olympic Games. Tom Hammond, an esteemed graduate of the University of Kentucky,
19 will be part of NBC's television coverage for his 13th Olympics. And the 23-time national
20 champion University of Kentucky cheerleaders will perform at awards ceremonies,
21 parades, and the closing ceremony; and

22 WHEREAS, this body urges support across this Commonwealth for the athletes
23 participating in the Winter Games, and also for host South Korea, with whom the United
24 States enjoys a beneficial and enduring economic partnership; and

25 WHEREAS, this partnership was further solidified with the signing of the United
26 States-Korea Free Trade Agreement in 2010. This agreement has created a multitude of
27 new opportunities for American workers, from farmers to factory employees, and the

1 benefits of the agreement have extended from the agricultural sector to the automotive
2 industry, and have strengthened an already vital relationship with the South Korean
3 people; and

4 WHEREAS, South Korea is the United States' seventh largest trading partner. In
5 2016, United States' goods and services exports—including agriculture goods—to South
6 Korea were \$63.8 billion, while imports were \$80 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, it is rightful that the members today acknowledge South Korea for the
8 trade and investment partnership it shares with the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, in so doing, this honorable body joins with the people of Kentucky to
10 express congratulations to the American athletes who will participate in the 2018 Winter
11 Olympics, grants them best wishes as they represent their country, and duly thanks South
12 Korea for all it has done in preparation of the XXIII Winter Olympiad;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
15 *Kentucky:*

16 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their support for South
17 Korea and the Winter Olympic Games.

18 ➔Section 2. The members also acknowledge the United States-Korea Free Trade
19 Agreement and the vital economic partnership the two nations share.

20 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of South
21 Korea and the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

22 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
23 Resolution to Senator Dennis Parrett.