

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

4 WHEREAS, from February 9 to February 25, 2018, the XXIII Winter Olympic
5 Games are being held in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea; and

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

9 WHEREAS, the Winter Olympic Games are being held in the Republic of Korea
10 for the first time in 30 years, after the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, the world's best athletes are competing in PyeongChang, and during
12 the games the culture, customs, and history of the Republic of Korea are proudly on
13 display; and

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, this partnership was further solidified with the signing of the United

1 States-Korea Free Trade Agreement in 2007. This agreement has created a multitude of
2 new opportunities for American workers, from farmers to factory employees, and the
3 benefits of the agreement have extended from the agricultural sector to the automotive
4 industry, and have strengthened an already vital relationship with the people of the
5 Republic of Korea; and

6 WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea is the United States' sixth largest trading
7 partner. In 2016, United States' goods and services exports—including agriculture
8 goods—to the Republic of Korea were \$63.8 billion, while imports were \$80 billion; and

9 WHEREAS, it is rightful that the members today acknowledge the Republic of
10 Korea for the trade and investment partnership it shares with the United States; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
17 *Kentucky:*

18 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their support for the
19 Republic of Korea and the Winter Olympic Games.

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

22 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the
23 Republic of Korea and the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

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